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V ALLS and ceilings constitute the back-ground of rooms and there ground of rooms, and they are the first fittings one must consider when a house " fittings one must consider when a house being fitted and decorated. In the February number these subjects are described and pictured—the wood paneled wall and the molded plaster ceiling. As a guide to those who want to know their panels we have included two pages of sketches showing the designs from the Gothic to the present. There is also a suggestion for treating walls with a can be put to, one of the many uses screens can be put to. can be put to.

The fireplace is such an essential center of

The fireplace is such an essential center of interest, and so cheering and practical a one during the cold months, that a special page is devoted to it. Tables for the end of the couch which so often comes into the fireplace couch which so often comes into the inreplace furniture grouping are considered, too; and that the color scheme of the whole room may be pleasing, there is another article on the essential principles of color harmony. An atmosphere of romance clings to Gardner Teall's article on Palissy, that skilled keramic



Ornamental plaster walls are considered in February

artist who made such sacrifices to his work. It artist who made such sacrifices to his work. It is a story full of human interest and devotion to a great cause. More purely practical, but of intrinsic charm, are the sketches of Colonial interiors which Louis Ruyl has done for us, and the pages of Colonial doors and shutters. These days when the time-honored servant problem so vees the housewifely soul, especially soul, especially sould be a supported to the page of the services of the services are the supported by sould be supported by the services of the services of

cial interest attaches to the utilitarian aspects cial interest attaches to the utilifarian aspects of the home. And since we cannot have a home without food, and since for food cooking is necessary, the two February pages on fireless cookers are included. These, together with the lead article on a brand new plan for the expensive home on an economic basis, are especially important today.

The gardener who knows accurately the proportions of seed sown to crops harvested is

rare. But William McCollom knows, and he

rare. But William McCollom knows, and he tells about it in this issue.

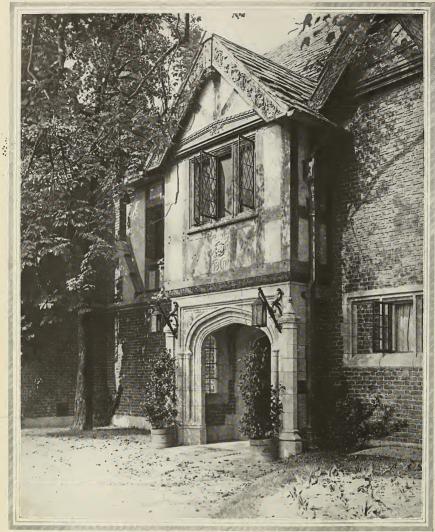
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#### THE THING THAT GOLDSMITH FORGOT

When Oliver Goldsmith wrote that he loved everything old—old frends, old times, old manners, old books, old wine—he unaccomiably forgot to mention old houses. The dvellings and the actual housts of his old friends must have included among them some of those happy Tudor creations which still remain as beautiful witnesses to the vitality, freshness and pride of the village mason and carpenter. It is in the naive spirit of that period that the Residence of Allon S. Lehman, Ega, at Tarystown, N. V., has been built. This entrance motive is reministent of that time of his excitation and noble residences. John Russell Pope, architect



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HEY knew how to live in the 18th Cen-THEY knew now to live in part tury. We, with our 20th Century civilizations, and the tion, seem to have forgotten in spite of the advantages of subway, electricity and so on. Their love of luxury and comfort was par-ticularly illustrated in the "petits appartements" consisting of ante-room, salon and bedroom, which were a matter of course in the life of the great lady of that time.

A modern translation of this ideal arrangement would be, it seems to me, a boudoir (which may be as frivolous or severe as the character of its owner indicates), a dressing room and bedroom, with, of course, our one really successful modern luxury-a beautifully equipped bathroom. This plan spells ease indeed, and in the harassing whirlwind of existence today one needs nothing more keenly

than just that: comfortable, luxurious ease. One may dress in a warm, cozy room with a crackling fire going, if one be fortunate enough to have a fireplace, than which there is no greater delight.

We must be sure not to underestimate the importance of an harmonious setting. That horrible moment, the beginning of the day, may be faced with a certain amount of philosophy if there be delightful surroundings with sympathetic colors to sustain us. So it must be with no uncertainty that one selects the color scheme which may dominate one's very existence.

#### A Bas Brass!

It seems ridiculous to have to mention the brass bed, which should have long since been relegated to the realms of oblivion, where the red plush sofa and the "tap-estry davenport" have been reposing this many a day. But despite other proofs of excellent taste.

I still seem to see this particular atrocity obtruding itself, whereas an iron bedstead, which may be painted a good color is in far better taste. Then, if it is a question of economy, there are equally inexpensive wooden beds of

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good design, so that there really isn't any excuse for this particular lapse.

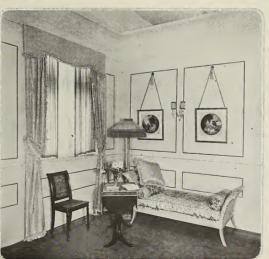
#### Draping the Bed

There are no end of ways of draping the bed. The French have a great number of delightful canopy designs and hangings with guirlandes, and then there are the simpler but effective English draperies, the Colonial ones being the simplest. Sometimes the bed is placed at right angles to the wall and the drapery arranged at the head; other times, it is placed close to the wall with the canopy in the center and the folds of the fabric falling at the ends. But without draperies of any sort there are many possibilities of bed covers in taffeta or chintz with a ruffle or shaped valance, or a simple ruffled muslin cover which is also very

effective, Paneled or painted walls are in the long run more satisfactory than a wall paper with a design in it. It is all very well to use a paper of this kind in a room which is not in constant use, such as a guest room, but on the whole I think you will find a quiet background more reposeful. For the same reason, I would advise not having too many pictures. This is an absurd warning, as no one will want to give up the one room in the house in which they feel justified in hanging all the family photographs. I could go on endlessly as to the overcrowding of rooms with furniture which is too large for it, but let me rather expatiate on a room which has been a success.



glazed chintz with a flower design of rose color, blue and mauve on a fawn colored lattice background was the inspiration for its decora-



Suggestions for a boudoir showing a day bed covered in lattice glazed chintz, next to which have been placed a reading lamp with chiffon shade and a small compact table

tion. With such fascinating color harmony as the starting point, the result when skilfully handled could not but be successful. All the tones of the chintz which is only used on one screen and a day-bed are repeated in cur-

2 pairs of taffeta over-draperies @ \$65 each.\$130.00 2 pairs of georgette crepe draw curtains @ \$18.50 each.... 37.00 2 pairs of net glass cur-tains @ \$8.50 each. Twin beds, dull mahogany, \$140 each.. 280.00 I pair of antique rose taffeta bed covers @ \$85 each..... 170.00 1 night table..... 1 screen of glazed 60.00 chintz ....... 36.00 writing desk...... 130.00 stool covered in apple green satin..... 37.50 1 sewing table...... 1 satin chair covered 68.50 in apple green highlustre satin..... 87.00 commode ..... 230.00 17.00 lamp .. shade, violet chiffon over pink chiffon, trimmed picoted frills ..... 18.00 37.50 mirror over com-. 100.00 square yard...... painted light sconce, 16.50 lyre motif, cream and violet, @ \$35..... vlinder shades of 70.00 Cylinder pink taffeta edged with folds of violet georgette crepe @ \$3.75 each.... 7.50



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The antique rose taffeta curtains with their quaint frills and tie-backs

make a delightful background for the dressing table, on which stand

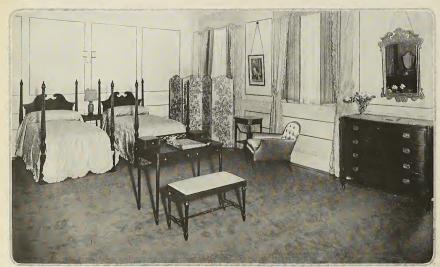
Wedgewood lamps with pink taffeta shades edged with silver tissue

tains, furniture, carpet and lamp shades.

3 pairs of taffeta over-

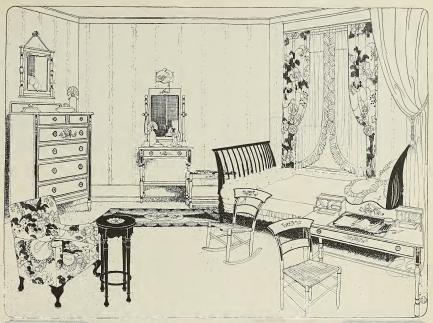
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| draperies, old pink,                          |         |
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| with ruching edge                             |         |
| and tie - backs, @                            |         |
| \$65 a pair                                   | 105 nn  |
| 3 pairs of georgette                          | ,1,0.00 |
| crepe draw curtains,                          |         |
| violet, @ \$18.50 a                           |         |
| pair  | 55.50   |
| 3 pairs of net curtains                       | 55.50   |
| 3 pairs of net curtains,<br>cream, @ \$8.50 a |         |
| pair  | 25.50   |
| 1 toilet table                                | 210.00  |
| 1 mirror                                      | 37.50   |
| 1 stool                                       | 48.00   |
| 1 chair painted deep                          | 10.00   |
| cream, floral medal-                          |         |
| lion in pastel colors.                        | 50.00   |
| 1 table, pie-crust edge,                      | 50.00   |
| dull mahogany                                 | 25.00   |
| 2 candlesticks, jasper                        | 80.00   |
| green. Wedgwood.                              |         |
| green, Wedgwood,<br>\$11.25 each              | 22.50   |
| 2 shades, pink taffeta.                       |         |
| edged with shell shir-                        |         |
| ring of silver tissue,                        |         |
| \$13.50                                       | 27.00   |
| 1 powder jar, Venetian                        |         |
| glass   | 11.50   |
| 2 pale green Venetian                         |         |
| glass perfume bottles                         |         |
| with flower stoppers,                         |         |
| at \$6.50 each                                | 13.00   |
| 1 Ruskin bowl, violet.                        | 10.00   |
| 1 cover for toilet table                      |         |
| of apple green satin                          |         |
| finished with an                              |         |
| inch-wide box pleat-                          |         |
| ing of violet taffeta.                        | 13.25   |
|   |         |



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Behind dull mahogany furniture is a pale fawn wall, with antique rose taffeta at windows and for bed covers; a line of mauve in the undercurtains and in the carpet, a vivid spot of apple green on the small salin chair and all the colors brought together in the glazed chints screen





An alternate suggestion for chintz for this little room is an all-over flower design in gay tones of blue and rose on a white glased background. 30", \$1.35 a yard

The while ruffed cutains and hed cover are in heeping with the simplicity of this little come furnished mainly with furniture pinted a deep ream color with a wide band of pale mance. The hed and little table are in valual finish and there is a eray chint with a bold pattern design in mances and blue with a louch of burnt orange used at the window and on the over-stuffed with a touch of burnt orange used at the window and on the over-stuffed with the little w

| 1 bed, single, in walnut finish                      | \$55.00 |
|--|---------|
| 1 spring   | 25.50   |
| 1 mattress   | 40.50   |
| 1 pillow   | 5.00    |
| 1 painted dressing stand                             | 55.00   |
| 1 painted settle                                     | 21.00   |
| 1 chest of drawers                                   | 110.00  |
| 1 wall mirror  | 25.00   |
| 1 small table in walnut finish                       | 28.00   |
| 1 side chair   | 19.00   |
| 1 rocker   | 19.00   |
| 1 upholstered chair (exclusive of covering material) | 48.00   |
| 5 yards of chintz to cover chair, at \$2.40 a yard   | 12.00   |
| 1 desk   | 55.00   |
| 1 pair of rufiled curtains                           | 12.50   |
| 1 pair of chintz curtains, including material        | 48.00   |
| 1 white ruffled muslin bedspread                     | 40.00   |
|  |         |



This chintz comes in a gray ground, a dull blue or a deep terra cotta; the design, delicate in mauves, blues and green, has a touch of burnt orange. 31", \$2.40

are of cream colored net and then, instead of the usual banal shades, there are delicate mauve crèpe georgette curtains made to draw and shut out the light. The furniture is in dull finish mahogany of excellent design and there are one or two painted pieces used with one chair covered in a vivid apple green satin. The plain paneled walls are painted a deep fawn color and the carpet is a dark shade of mauve. Though this room was planned for dressing room, boudoir and bedroom in one, the suggestions are equally applicable for three separate rooms.

The dressing table placed in its well curtained niche is a study in line and symmetry in itself. It has been so placed that one may have plenty of light by day and there is also adequate evening light provided by the two small lamps. The treatment of the triple window with a single shaped valance following the line of the architecture is worthy of particular note, as it is the kind of problem which so frequently has to be solved.

There is great dignity and charm in the arrangement of the furniture so that one is given a sense of space and comfort. A well stocked writing table has not been forgotten, nor the essential reading lamp next to the bed and even a screen to cut off annoying draughts, which is such a necessity, has not been overlooked. Another very much simpler room, but one which I think will meet the requirements of a great many people is carefully planned with a view to both comfort and beauty despite a limited purse. The furniture which may be had in any color desired is of good design and I saw it most effectively painted a very deep cream with quite a wide band of delicate mauve and a small floral design. With most of it done in this fashion, it would be wise to have one or two pieces in the natural walnut finish, such as the bed and the little table shown in the illustration.

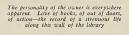
A very delightful chintz, with a gray ground (Continued on page 52)



The reception room has seen meetings between the leading figures of the world. One cannot but feel that here a man is surely a hero to his own chairs

Water buffalo, eland, a big fireplace flanked by elephant tusks, a service flag with three blue stars and one of gold—a man's hall in every detail

Naturally one expects to find trophies of countless days afield. Game heads on the walls, bear and zebra skins underfoot, these are characteristic



## INSIDE the HOME of THEODORE ROOSEVELT

OYSTER BAY, NEW YORK

Photographs ( by Paul Thompson



January, 1919



Africa and America
meet a round the
trophy room hearth.
The bis on heads
flanking the mantel
and the lion skin on
the floor suggest two
of Colonel Roosevelt's
best known books



A more general view of the trophy room discloses in marked degree the virility of the whole house. Here is not hing fragile, nothing which does not stimulate by its very character

#### CHAIRS AS MEMBERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD

FUNNY things, chairs! Sticks of wood, turned and carved. A bit of upholstery. A panel of cane.

You see them in the shops, row after row of them, the fat, the slim, the gaudy and the neat, waiting proud and aloof like expectant servants

in an intelligence office.

You go down the line inspecting them casually, while a salesman murmurs catchwords about their periods. Eventually you come to one that takes your fancy. Yes, that might look well in your room. The salesman extols the merits of its upholstery and swears on his immortal soul that it is pure mahogany—as pure as ever came out of Brazil—and not mahoganized birch. Forthwith you exchange cash of the realm for the bundle of wood and hank of tufted hair, and go on your way satisfied that you have made a good purchase.

Sheer rubbish! A chair isn't a thing, it's a personality.

THERE are two ways of looking at a chair or a table or any piece of furniture: you may consider it a mere decorative objective, or something that plays an active rôle in your life—a member of your household.

By itself a chair may be simply so much wood upon which a craftsman has spent his energies and artistry. But once you think of a chair in respect to men and women who sit in it,

or a table in respect to those who gather about it, the inanimate becomes suddenly alive. It is clothed with personality. It is real and vital. It will mean very much in your home because it means very much in your

A poet in The Spectator once put this thought into a verse-

I give a loving glance as I go To three brass pots on a shelf in a row, To my grandfather's grandfather's loving cup And a bandy-leg chair I once picked up.

And I can't for the life of me make you see
Just why these things are a part of me.

It follows then, that the way to buy furniture is not to choose it merely for the beauty of the workmanship or the wood or the upholstery- all important things-but first, for its adaptability to the sort of life you lead and the sort of person you are.

Choosing a chair or any piece of furniture is not unlike choosing a friend. You require sincere craftsmanship, which connotes good materials; beauty of line and color, which will be a pleasure to the eye; and strength with which to stand the wear and tear of everyday use. Granted these three, you will soon become accustomed to it, and its presence will have a great deal to do with your feeling about home.

For a home is more than furniture and people; it is a place where people appreciate furniture and furniture, in turn, would seem to appreciate people. A place where there is a camaraderie between the animate and inanimate, where the things that surround

you are a part of you.

It isn't merely marital bliss and well-behaved children that make a home of a house. Furniture plays a big part. The furniture in a house very seriously influences your desire to live there. Although many people are not aware of it, the fact is that bad furniture can get on one's nerves and make home an unpleasant place. It has as evil an effect as bad drains and drink, and is far more insidious. When our legislative fathers shall have finished with drink as a home-wrecker, they might well turn their attention to bad furniture. Possibly the average citizen will anticipate them by learning what good furniture is and can mean to him and by exercising discrimination in its selection and arrangement.

ON this page we are not concerned with what constitutes a good piece of furniture; we are concerned with two prejudices: Grand Rapids and grandfather.

În some minds the name Grand Rapids is anathema. Nothing good can come out of that town. If they want to say that a piece of furniture is bad, they call it after the name of the well-known Michigan city.

Now Grand Rapids is more than a place; it is a principle, an ideal. Like everything else human, it makes mistakes, it falls far below its ideal and at times would seem to flout its principle. But taking it by and large, Grand Rapids lives up to some mighty high ideals. It makes good furniture. It makes livable furniture. It makes a great deal of the furniture that dealers say is their own. Years of study, the skill of able craftsmen, the dreams of patient designers have been combined to produce lines of furniture of which the American people can be proud.

Personally, I would rather sit in a comfortable Grand Rapids antique reproduction than in its uncertain original. And as the years pass it will come to mean just as much to me as would any antique with a pedigree. Not that I distrust antiques. They are around me by the dozen—only I will not permit myself to take the blind reactionary view that age necessarily makes a piece of furniture good or that the imported piece is always to be held in esteem.

What has been said of Grand Rapids can also be said of Boston and Jamestown, N. Y. Our American manu-

facturers are awake to the necessity of making well-designed, well-built furniture. They employ workmen of the highest skill. Their designers come from many lands. They produce in abundance because the market is large. The American buying public-and it buys considerably over \$200,000,000 worth of furniture a year-reciprocates in its appreciation of these patient labors. For the line of good taste is going up steadily and each year sees more people learning the lesson that good furniture helps to make a good home.

HE other prejudice is grandfather and the things that belonged to him.

Among the criticisms leveled at the current interest in decorating is the fact that it is no respecter of sentiment. It would seem to be given to fads, to change its entire viewpoint every few years. What was howled at in exhibitions of bad taste a few years back has been revived and now enjoys popularity.

There is just one flaw in this criticism. It is true that styles in furniture change-just as they change in clothes. It is true that modern decoration has little regard for sentiment-because it knows that most sentiment is mere sentimentality. It is also true that it has revived objects and usages that a few years back were laughed at, but-here is the flaw-it does not revive everything. It revives what was good in the past.

Modern decoration is pragmatic. It takes the good from the past and embodies it in the present. It lifts the tie-backs from the Victorian curtain and puts them on curtains in modern homes. But it does not revive the

Rogers group!

This is where grandfather enters the controversy. Because a thing belonged to an ancient and honorable member of the family, because it was beloved by him, does not necessarily make it livable or the sort of furniture with which to surround a rising generation. If it is good, then preserve it. If it is bad, irrepressibly bad, then have done with it. You do not insist on wearing your grand-mother's dress simply because it was your grandmother's. Why then insist on keeping grandfather's furniture around simply because it was his? What you do with the dress is to save the old lace. What you should do with the furniture is to save what is good.

#### THE ROAD

My way of life is a winding road, A road that wanders, yet turns not back, Where one should go with as light a load As well may be in a traveler's pack;

A road that rambles through march and

wood,
Meadow and waste, to the cloudy end;
But, smooth or rugged, I find it good,
For something's always around the bend.

There may be storms in the bleak defiles, But oh, the calm of the valley's breas! There may be toil on the upward miles, But oh, the joy of the mountain-crest!

And here's a thistle and there's a rose And next—whatever the road may send; For onward ribbons the way I chose, With something always around the bend.

Then come and travel my road with me Through windy passes or waves of flowers. Though long and weary the march may be,

The rover's blessing shall still be ours: "A noonday halt at a crystal well,
A word and smile with a passing friend,
A song to sing and a tale to tell,
And something coming around the bend!"

-ARTHUR GUITERMAN.



Gillier





#### THE FORECOURT OF AN ARTIST'S HOME

A remarkable example of spontaneous architecture can be found in "Tamaracks", home of Franklin Colby, the artist, at Andover, N. J. The owner was his own designer, and the ensemble is pleasingly successful. Quite the most charming defail is found in the foreconst foundam, as Italian bann built up

around antique pieces brought from Italy—intertwined Cupids supporting a top beam which is surmounted by another winged Cupid in brone. Brack walks surround the foundain and grass plots and borders of fouces. Water grass growing in Marie grees the foundain a note of unusual interest in formal work.



Straw marqueterie tea caddy after the Chinese manner, probably made by a French prisoner of war during the late Napoleonic period

#### OBJECTS of ART MADE by PRISONERS of WAR

A New Collecting By-path That Peace May Now Open Up to the Rider of Unusual Hobbies

GARDNER TEALL

In traveling to the Adriatic coast some years ago I stopped for several days in a little Italian town not far from Ancona. I suppose few visitors ever alighted there, at least that is the impression I got from the profuse welcome accorded me at the primitive albergo where I put up. Just why even the slow creeping trains of the Marche ever bothered to stop here at all I have yet to determine. With myself I seem to have established a precedent. No errand other than that of the spirit took me there. It all happened because, when journeying eastward, I had asked a fellow-traveler what there was of interest in this town, and then, why the train made so short a stoy, and

"No one ever gets out here," he explained,

"there is nothing to see."

From that moment my curiosity was aroused, for experience has taught me that the most interesting places are those which most people find uninteresting.

#### A Medieval Hostelry

One of the things I found in this little town will, perhaps, dear reader, interest you, and so I will make mention of it as introduction to my subject. The room to which I was assigned

by my host of the inn was, I have reason to believe, the chambre de luxe of the countryside. The high beamed ceiling was painted much after the manner of the great ceiling of the Florentine church of San Miniato al Monte, although 1 saw nothing of it all by the flickering candle which lighted my arrival in the midst of this medieval hostelry. In the morning a burst of golden sunlight awakened me and in through the windows was wafted the fragrance of the grape-flowers in blossom outside. My sleepy eyes followed the walls around and then opened wide on beholding a quaintly framed canvas of beautiful freshness, the picture of a group of saints.

Jumping out of bed and going over to inspect the painting I observed on an old marqueteric secretaire which stood just below it an array of curious, goldenhued objects. On closer examination I found some to be boxes, some jewel-caskets, others yarn containers, while needle-cases, frames, book-covers and the like completed this odd assemblage



Portrait of Napoleon, the work of a French prisoner, done a Piqure d' Epingle—paper pricked with various sized needles



A Japanese cabinet of straw work. Such pieces found their way to Europe and inspired the work of French and Italian prisoners

of curious antiques. Then I discovered that these things were all examples of straw marqueterie, but finer, any one of them, than pieces of the sort that ever before had happened to come to my attention.

#### The Landlord Who Collected

I suppose being a collector makes one a discoverer. At any rate a discovery it was, and I asked myself how on earth these things happened to be here. That morning my host explained.

"All these things," said he, "I have been colecting as a hobby for years, things made by prisoners of war, interesting and worth preserving. The inlaid straw things are but part of what I have,—ivories, carved cocanuts, jewelry, paper models, embroideries, and so on, all made by prisoners of war, mostly in Italy, I presume, as I have picked them up here in my own country in traveling around. I would not part with them for the world!"

This declaration dashed my hopes to the ground, but one can forgive much in a landlord who collects things more spiritual than rent, and a landlord in Italy who "travels around" also commands one's respect for his ability to

be so independent. That is why I listened instead of bargained, and in that morning I learned many interesting things about my host's unusual collection. Perhaps there were few kindred collecting souls in the neighborhood who deigned to listen as sympathetically as I did or who made no effort to conceal an en-thusiasm which these things awakened within me. At any rate the amiable inn-keeper who would not part with his things for the world proved finally willing to part with a few of them for considerably less than a hemisphere, which gave me a chance to weave tales of my own in the years that were to follow.

#### One of Hodgkin's Hobbies

I remember telling the late John Eliot Hodgkin, F. S. A., that renowned antiquarian whom I met in London, of my adventure. "Ah," said he, "do you know that happens to be one of my chief hobbies, and that I am collecting those very same sorts of straw marqueterie things? I am planning to write a monograph

earth.

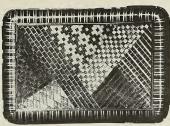
about it." Unfortunately the good gentleman did not live to carry out his intention. Later I conceived the notion of writing an article about straw marqueterie and I thought it would lend interest to it to include illustrations of pieces in the Hodgkin collection. However, my intention was, for the time, blighted on receiving a reply to my request which expressed a hope that I would leave the field completely clear for his projected monograph, appending the suggestion that he would be much troubled if I did not. To be amiable is not always a collector's privilege, but in this instance I embraced mine and hastened to assure the dean of antiquarians that I withdrew from competition with his inexhaustible plans for writing about everything on the face of the

Now that he is no more, what is said of straw marqueterie and objects of art made by prisoners of war cannot challenge hostility in a spirit whose eagerness was often misjudged, whereas it ought to have been measured, as I measured it, by its extraordinary capacity as a genius among collectors who ought to have been given the first chance to tell all he knew before others took a hand at telling it. His interesting volumes under the title of Rariora are, unfortu-nately, out of print. In one of these he did reproduce some of the specimens of straw marqueterie in his own extensive collection, and as I am not privileged to reproduce these here, I will refer the reader who wishes further to interest himself in the subject, to the pages of those erudite tomes which he may be fortunate enough to find on the shelves of some of the more important art libraries in America.

#### The Variety of Prison Wares

From times immemorial, I suppose, war prisoners who have not been enslaved by their captors but have been treated without barbarity have sought to enlighten their tedi-

um by various sorts of handicraft, exerting to the utmost their ingenuity in the matter of tools and materials. To-day the subject is one of immediate interest to us. Already have art objects made by prisoners of war interned in Holland and in Switzerland reached us. In time they will come to be as treasured as the antiques made by





Both the above trays are 19th Century Japanese straw marqueterie. Vari-colored straws are glued in a design on a wooden base





18th Century straw marqueterie ball made by Italian prisoners

Straw marqueterie basket made by a French prisoner of war long ago the prisoners of war of the Napoleonic period and of earlier times. To catalogue the variety of such things would require page after page. Naturally nearly all such objects are "handy" in size and one does not look for particularly large specimens of war prisoners' art work. One begins to realize, after visiting the convalescents' ward of a military hospital, what a blessing to the soldier some knowledge of an art handicraft may be. I have seen several marvelous things whittled out of wood by prisoners of war, bone carvings, beadwork, jewelry that indicate the godsend the work must be to the soldier prisoner detained in the enemy's camp. But of all these objects I know of none that are more beautiful than those of

straw marqueterie.

I do not know where the art originated. Mr. Hodgkin confessed to a like hiatus in his knowledge of the subject. However, I have no doubt but that artistic straw inlaying was practiced in the Orient at a very early date. Thence it may have been brought into Europe. I feel sure that it was known and practiced during the period of the Renaissance in Italy, and I consider the old Italian examples of this craft to be the earliest European ones.

#### Straw Marqueterie

This early Italian straw marqueteric is distinguished by its rich golden and golden browns of various shades, suggesting the richness of Venetian pictures. The objects to be covered by the artist in straw were of various materials, such as wood, paper, papier-maché, cloth and occasionally glass, metal or bone. The design, pattern or picture was worked out by pasting filaments and little sections of straw (stained to various colors) on the surfaces of he objects to be covered, and then varnished. The minuteness of some of this straw work is extraordinary. It would seem to have necessi-

tated the use of a glass of high magnifying power as well as to have required almost superhuman patience and ingenuity to put it together. Moreover, these early pieces in straw marqueteric were so faithfully fabricated that they have come down to us in excellent condition.

down to us in excellent condition.

I imagine the French learned the
art of straw marqueteric from their

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A straw marqueterie box made by an 18th Century French prisoner of war. The details of color and line in the flowers must have required infinite patience



An elaborate miniature coffer in straw marqueterie done in the early 19th Century by a French prisoner of war. The design is worked out in soft colors



## THE RÔLE OF FURNITURE HARDWARE

By These Mounts Progress Can Be Traced Through the Decorative Periods in France, England, Italy and Spain

#### H. D. EBERLEIN and ABBOT McCLURE



Spanish chest lock

FURNITURE mounts play a double rôle; they are both utilitarian and decorative. They are the indispensable hardware of furniture. At the same time, they are what might fitly be called its jewelry.

Whether they be considered in their utilitarian or in their purely decorative capacity, a knowledge of mounts is essential to a thorough understanding of furniture. The subject constitutes one of the smaller refinements of

mobiliary art, it is true; nevertheless the mounts produce a very material part of furniture's charm which is quite out of proportion to the amount of space they occupy.

#### Mounts and Their Materials

The general term mounts includes hinges, locks and bolts, key-hole plates or escutcheons, knobs, handles or pulls, backplates, straps or bands, corner or angle-pieces, re-enforcings, gallery rails or frets, pilaster capitals and neckings, bases and metal feet, nailheads, studding, finials, ornamental plates, Empire appliqués, and any other metal embellishments (except metal inlay) that designers and cabinet makers may have resorted to from time to time.

The materials of which mounts have commonly been made are iron, brass, bronze, ormolu (an alloy of copper and zinc, with sometimes an addition of tin, much used by 18th Century French ebenistes), bone or ivory, wood, and, in the early 19th Century, glass.
With this latitude of possible appli-

cations and this range of materials, all susceptible of a wide diversity of manipulation in process and design, it in easy to understand how the course of evolution followed not only the trend of the great successive styles-Renaissance, Baroque, Rococo, and Neo-Classic-but also produced many subsidiary phases peculiar to certain localities.

During the period of Renaissance design in English furniture, that is, up to about the middle of the 17th Century, the mounts were a comparatively inconspicuous feature and were utilitarian in function. Turned wooden knobs of the plainest design often answered as drawer and door pulls. Chests, cupboards and cabinets in general had plain iron drop or loop handles, comparatively small in size and usually with little or no ornamentation. Hinges were either concealed or were apt to be plain iron straps. Escutcheons and keyhole plates were small and of simple pattern or were altogether lacking. Most of the furniture was so profusely carved that the effect of ornate mounts would have proved redundant and been lost.

In France, up to the latter part of the 16th Century, much the same general condition prevailed. A great deal of the furniture was richly carved, for one thing, and, besides that, artisans were so occupied with the exuberance of deco-

rative craftsmanship in so many other directions that relatively little effort was expended on the elaboration of mounts. In Renaissance Italy, also, the mounts were, for the most part, of quite secondary importance. Outside of a few simple brass knobs on cupboards and cabinets, and the brass studding occasionally used to embellish credenze or the underframing of tables, the only metal mounts were the plainest of iron drops or loops. Other than these, knobs and pulls were of turned wood.

#### In Spain and Portugal

Spain-we may include Portugal with Spain -was the only country where mounts played a really conspicuous part in the Renaissance period. Iron locks, lockplates, corner or

angle-pieces and bandings, hinges, handles and pulls, were beautifully engraved, chased, fretted, and punched and, in addition, were often gilded. These elaborate iron mounts were chiefly used on the exteriors of the vargueño cabinets or kindred pieces of furniture and to some extent also on chests. The plain exteriors of the walnut vargueño cabinets, for the most part devoid of carving or moldings, made an excellent foil for the intricate metal work, ensuring a striking contrast in color, material and design. The contrast was often still further enhanced by underlying the large fretted mounts with velvet, usually of a rich red.

Moulded brass finials were often used to surmount the backposts of chairs and brass-headed nails or chattones of many different kinds, some of them punched, hammered, engraved or fretted, were used to fasten on the leather or velvet back and seat coverings and, at the same time, to perform an important decorative function. Brass studdings and fretted band pieces were also occasionally used on cabinet work. The vargueño cabinet, and the closely allied papelera with its many little drawers, may be considered the crowning achievements of Spanish cabinetwork. The drawer fronts of these pieces were frequently enriched with bone inlay which was still further enhanced by the addition of color, gilding and engraving, the incised design being filled in with black or vermilion pigment. The pulls or knobs of these drawers were often of the same



The fretted back and keyhole plates play a distinctive decorative rôle in the ensemble of this mahogany block-front bureau bookcase. Canfield collection

engraved and colored bone. Otherwise they were of iron, or of iron gilt, in the form of cockle-shells, mulberries, drops or the like.

#### The Baroque Period

With the advent of Baroque influence in furniture design (1600-1735) there came an appreciable change in the character of mounts.

In England from the time of the Restoration onward, the prevailing surface treatment of cabinetwork was flat, no matter how much that flat surface might be enriched and diversified in color and pattern by marqueterie, inlay or veneer, which were without relief, or by lacquer, where the relief was negligible. Consequently, both the need and the propriety became apparent of mounts more conspicuous and more intricate than had hitherto been in use with highly carved surfaces. At the same time, the nature of the materials used in cabinetwork and the method of their treatment called for more brilliancy in the mounts and a nicer degree of finish in their execution.

Brass, therefore, quite naturally became the favorite material and was fretted, chased, and engraved, as well as punched, cast and molded. Bone and ivory were often used for keyhole facings and bone, ivory and wood frequentty served as pulls. Not seldom did it



Baroque influence is seen in the engraved brass keyhole plate and brass drop pulls of this Queen Anne secretaire



An Empire jardiniere, showing the decorative brass mounts



Sheraton mounts were much like those used on Hepplewhite furniture. This is a Sheraton group

happen that iron mounts on old pieces of furniture were replaced by the new and more fashionable brass mounts. The brass of this period differed from the metal used later in the 18th Century, in chemical composition; it was of a lighter yellow color and more ductile so that it lent itself more readily to chasing, engraving and other processes.

#### Backplates and Pulls

In the earlier part of the Baroque period of influence drop pulls were generally either flat or hollow in the back, and were plain, molded, embossed, or engraved, as were also the rosettes or small circular plates from which they depended. The engraved and modeled or embossed mounts, especially escutcheons or keyhole plates and the plates for drop pulls, exhibited compact designs of scrolls, fruit, flowers, foliage, cherubs' heads and the like. Late in the 17th Century bail pulls, with or without backplates, began to take the place of drop pulls and fairly early in the 18th Century drop pulls went quite out of fashion. The early backplates were often engraved or chased with minute designs of flowers, fruit, foliage and scrolls; so also, sometimes, were the contemporary keyhole plates. More frequently, however, backplates and escut-

cheons were decoratively shaped in sil-(Continued on page 46)

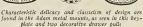


Neo-Classic influence is shown in the oval back plates of the drawer pulls on this serpentine front chest of drawers



Characteristic metal mounts of the William and Mary Period, showing the drop handles, keyplates, and an elaborate hinge







Shaped keyhole plates are a distinguishing feature of this mahogany block-front chest of drawers.

The style is Baroque in effect

#### PREPAREDNESS AND THIS YEAR'S KITCHEN GARDEN

Plans and Preliminary Work for the Home Garden of 100% Utility—Necessary Space for Specified Yields—Early Seed Shopping, Keeping Records, and Other Essential Details

WILLIAM C. McCOLLOM

I N some ways gardening is but little different from other lines of endeavor; it pyramids rapidly upon its own successes, but fails even more quickly when adversity or poor accomplishment turns the balance the other way.

That is one reason why we should plan our gardens with care. Mrs. Jones' garden may be ideal for Mrs. Jones' requirements, but you and I must plan for our own individual needs. We may beg, borrow or steal considerable knowledge from the experiences of others, but the first and most important work for us is to get something that fits our requirements. A garden too large never succeeds, while a garden too small is very disappointing. It must be admitted, however, that a small garden well managed is much to be preferred to a large one where carelessness and indifference prevail.

#### Advance Planning

Plan ahead, order ahead, work and harvest ahead. No really good gardens are the result of an overnight inspiration, even though many magazine articles on the subject would have you believe otherwise. Who for one moment thought when those gray-clad hordes swethrough Belgium and northern France in the late summer of 1914 that the preparation for the drive dated back only to the killing of the Crown Prince of Austria on June 28th? Its failure can be attributed only to attempting the impossible; and the same is true of gardening. How large a garden must you have?

As a basis for our figures we will take a family of five, a good average American household. What would be a reasonable allowance for a family of this size

for a family of this size based on yearly consumption? A garden is not only a summer visitor; if properly planned and managed there is not a day in the entire year when good, wholesome vegetables are not available for your table.

Potatoes are a staple crop. The average pro-duction of the United States prior to the war was about 300,000,000 bushels. This would mean approximately three bushels for every person in the country, or fifteen bushels for our family of five. How much ground does it take to produce fifteen bushels of potatoes? The average production is in the neighborhood of 100 bushels per acre, though in home gardens close planting and intensive cultivation should give us a vield of 200 bushels, or about one pound of potatoes to every foot of drill. This would mean 900' of drill. or a space about 45'x50'. This figure is very elastic,



Small carrots keep best in jars; the larger ones require more cooking

as favorable growing conditions will reduce the area required to grow the necessary fifteen bushels, and poor conditions mean reduced yield and more space to produce a given amount. Other garden crops can be figured on a similar basis. One row of bush beans 50° long should produce about 5,000 pods. This is based on average yields rather than humper crops. About fifty beans will fill a pint measure; therefore a row of 50° will supply us with one hundred meals of one pint, or half that number of quarts. Beans must be used while fresh, or canned for future use. It is evident, then, that when planning our garden we must take into consideration the productive value of the various crops. In the February number this matter will be taken up more in detail.

If properly managed a garden 50' square should produce all the vegetables that our standard family could consume. That means one or more vegetables for every day of the year, in summer fresh from the ground and in winter via the pantry shelf route. This is by no means a theory, but a simple problem in mathematics. Your garden is usually over in mathematics your garden is usually over in the producing. Consequently, we should have stored on the pantry shelves when snow flies not less than 225 cans of our summer product.

Potatoes, of course, were not included in our 50' garden. Additional space will be required for them, and as most small gardens are lack-

for them, and as most small gardens are lacking in area these vegetables are usually purchased for the winter. All other forms of root crops, however, were included in our garden, and while it is always a good practice to can the surplus of these crops it is also advisable to make a special sowing of some of them in

the surplus of these crops it is also advisable to make a special sowing of some of them in late summer for the express purpose of storing them for the winter.

#### An Orderly Plan Essential

Start in gardening with a cool determination to have a good garden. Run it on a budget system the same as enterprising business men adopt. Make a small sketch plan of your garden and see if you cannot arrange the crops advantageously; see that the tall crops do not shade the smaller ones; have the rows run north and south if possible; make the space more attractive by the addition of flowers, fruits and other means of ornamentation. You will be surprised how much more productive your garden will prove simply because it does arrest your interest. The much frequented garden is the pro-ducer; the hidden garden behind the neglected hedge, which is more of an incident than a definite purpose, is always a failure. Ten dollars spent in the improvement of the surroundings will give



The pantry shelf route to midwinter vegetables calls for enough planting to yield abundantly



Mental attitude and garden success are closely related. The work should be pleasure, not drudgery





A space measuring forty-five by fifty feet ought to yield fifteen bushels of potatoes. Gardening costume by Best

Plan your garden liberally. Make it a garden of plenty—canning will take care of any surplus

The kitchen garden is a business proposition. Records should be kept of cost, yield, etc.



you twenty dollars in increased yield, because of the personal pride that unconsciously leads us up to higher standards. So make your garden a gladsome spot where you can take your friends with some degree of pride.

The old English estates which are today so beautiful with plant life reflect the interest in economic gardening. Their vegetable gardens were always featured; brick walls with their covering of choice fruits hedges that were the account of the covering of choice walls with their covering of choice the covering of choice was the covering of choice that were the account of the covering of the covering the covering of the covering the covering of the covering that were the account of the covering that were the covering the covering that were the co

fruits, hedges that were the acme of perfection, flower borders that were noticeable because of their completeness, plantings of all kinds that were selected by reason of their suitability. That is the proper method whereby to accomplish any project; start out with a definite purpose and see it through.

#### Selecting the Site

Far too little consideration is given the selection of site for the family garden. The usual procedure is to choose a place for the roses, then for a few fruit trees, then for the chickens and various other heirlooms of the suburbanite. What is left, if any, is "our garden". Soil conditions and drainage are not given even a passing thought. Shade, too, is often overlooked; why, we never gave those large trees a thought, because they had no leaves when we laid out our garden! Or, after the garden was well established too close to our south boundary line, that grouchy neighbor erected his garage so that it shades our rows.

Conditions of all kinds which have a direct bearing on the utility of the garden should be studied carefully when selecting a site. Keep far enough from your south line so that you can be unconcerned with the developments of your neighbor. If you have the necessary latitude take a spade and go over your premises carefully testing the soil. Dig down to determine where is the greatest depth of top soil.



On the left, soil too light; at the right, too heavy. See text of this article for details



The texture of this soil is good. It is sufficiently cohesive, yet crumbles under pressure

Best is a spot where the subsoil is open and porous. Avoid sites where the underneath strata is a heavy impregnable hardpan. If there are grades to consider do not locate your garden at the lowest point, for, while water is very necessary to the health of plants, an excess of it is an evil that cannot be overcome without considerable expense. Ground that slopes gently to the south is ideal. After you have selected

the ground, make the garden one of the features of your place. Plan your grounds with the garden as the pivot.

#### Soil Tests

Plants do not exist upon the soil itself, but upon the soluble elements that are retained in it. These elements must be properly balanced for the garden to be productive; an excess or deficit of certain chemical parts is undesirable. It is for this reason that we feed the soil, placing, therein elements that are particularly lacking. In every case these must be soluble to be of any value in the creation of growth. All soils contain a certain amount of natural fertility that can be made available for the plants by deep and constant working which admits the air to the lower strata.

The texture of the soil has an important bearing on its productiveness; soils that are very heavy and will not produce satisfactorily contain an excess of water but do not admit enough air to neutralize the chemicals. The reason for this is that the soil particles are exceedingly small and lie so compactly as to exclude air. Light, sandy soils contain abundance of air but do not retain water, by virtue of the soil particles being larger.

A simple test can be made to determine the soil texture by taking a small quantity and squeezing it in the hand. It should, if properly balanced, remain a perfect mold of the (Continued on page 50)



A fifty-foot row of beans will produce 100 pints if the soil is right and conditions favorable. With bush beans this means 5,000 pods



A view of the right end gable, with the garden wall in the foreground. The interesting feature of this detail is the fenestration, the beautiful effect gotten by the restrained use of windows in the broad, rough wall surface

(Right) A porch detail of the arches and the simple casement windows. Beyond, in the porch wall, has been set an elaborately carved fountain with a semi-circular pool at its foot around which are grouped potted flowers.



An unusual group of supporting columns and beams has been used in the hallway of the three columns, the end ones support the floor immediately above which the third continues on as a support to the roof. The stairs and interior finish are cement

From the general view it will be noticed that while the house is symmetrical, symmetry has not been imposed upon it. There is the saving grace of interesting details. Mr. Colby, who is a well-known artist responsible for the designing of the house



## "THE TAMARACKS," HOME OF FRANKLIN COLBY, Esq.

ANDOVER, NEW JERSEY

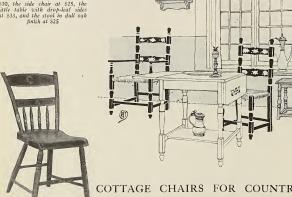
Directly in front of the house is a little garden enclosed by a low hedge. Its focal point is an octagonal fountain, from which rises a basin crowned with a flying Cupid. From this, steps lead down on to a bricked path that terminates in a pool. It appears like a great distance, and yet so near is the pool to the house that it can mirror the arched portico and deep overhanging caves.





The new house was built around an old structure that had been standing on the size over a hundred years. The mere around the size of it is the duing room in-place with the old bake oven still in service. An open beam write, an open beam with a signified background for the Lancashire chairs and Jacobean hutches with which the room is furnished.

A group suitable for a simple country house dining room is shown in the sketch. The chairs are modern adaptations of pearant designs, with rush seats, and can be painted any color desired. The arm-chair comes at \$30, the side chair at \$35, the side chair at \$35, the side chair at \$35, and the stool in dall oak finish at \$25



(Below) First, a ladder-back, rush-seat chair with twin stretchers, \$18.



#### COTTAGE CHAIRS FOR COUNTRY HOMES

They can be purchased through the House & Garden Shopping Service, 19 West 44th Street, N. Y. C.





An interesting reproduction of a comb back chair with pierced splat comes in dull mahogany or dull finished oak. It sells for \$26







Another reproduction of a Windsor straight back chair has a rush seat and is painted black with decora-tions in dull green, \$17

#### A HOUSE FOR TWO in the SOUTHERN STYLE

Being the Residence of F. C. Malcolm, Esq., at Pelham, N. Y. of Which the Architect Was Julius Gregory

T is a distinct problem to create a livable small house.

By a small house we mean one that has sufficient accommodations for two and a servant, or two and a child and a servant.

By livable we mean a house that you can live in and still maintain your self-respect.

There are hosts of small houses scattered over the country, but it cannot be said of all of them that they are livable according to this canon. Yet the more people appreciate the relation between good architecture, good decoration and good living, the quicker will they demand that small houses be designed and furnished with the same care and professional skill that is lavished on large houses.

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A case in point is the small house shown on the total spage. The aim of the architect was to give to it the character and dignity found in some of the old Southern Colonial types of architecture. This has been accomplished by simple materials used in a natural way.

The scheme of a two-story porch follows the Southern Colonial precedent. Further Colonial details are the broad chimmey furnishing fireplaces on two floors, the quarter-circle windows on each side the chimmey, the small paned windows throughout, with pierced shutters, and the distinctly Colonial type of entrance door with side and fan lights. The materials used were wide clapboard on the side and matched boarding on the front. The chimney is brick whitewashed, the surface being broken half way up with a wrought iron device and the cap pronounced with a triple row of unpainted brick.

#### The Plan

Inside, the plan is simple. There is the usual house-depth central hallway with living room on one side and dining room on the other, both letting out on the front terrace, which has a brick floor, through French doors. The support is so located that it is connected with

Southern Colonial in character, the exterior is a combination of simple materials used in a natural way. Clapboard walls are painted white, chimney whitewashed and blinds painted green the pantry, through the kitchen, and can be used for a dining porch.

Stars leading to the second floor have a simple iron rail and open on a narrow hall that gives access to the four bedrooms. These four bedrooms are served by two baths. There is a plenitude of closet space. On the third floor are sufficient accommodations for a maid—a bedroom and bath—and large storage spaces.

While there is nothing unusual about this plan, it is livable, compact and provides a maximum of comfort and accommodations. Rooms are well lighted and well ventilated. They furnish a background against which the occupants by the exercise of discriminating taste can create rooms of interest and distinction.



The first floor plan is simple and compact, with livable space assigned to each room



On the second floor are four bedrooms, two baths and a plenitude of well placed closets



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#### AN INDOOR ITALIAN GARDEN

The problem of this indoor garden was to make a background where old Chinese figures, lead vases from England, stone and tera cotta from Italy, might be used in friendly association. The Italian spirit is predominant in the garden. The walk which runs around the four sides, is of red tilts. The ceiling

is of sky-blue in tempera. The niches, which are designed to hold figures, are painted brilliant sapphire blue tempera. An unusual effect has been obtained by the use of mirrors set in the corners of the guiden. The trellis is painted in many tones of green and blue. Patolographs by courtesy of John Wanamaker

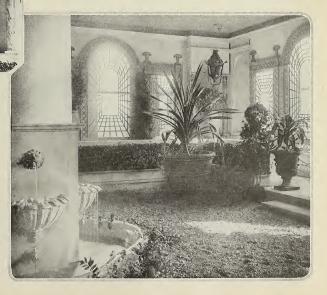
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Through the arched openings in the plastered walls one glimpses an Italian living room beyond. An old Siennese coat-of-arms is hung against the plastered wall. From the red walk one steps down into the pebbled garden. Pots of all sizes are grouped on the pebbles, in the Jashon of a real Italian garden

Sapphire blue niches, which have rose-marbled posts flanking them, hold Chinese figures of yellow marble. The window framing of trellis and the perspective trellis inserts add to the unusual character of the garden, each contributing its share to the color exemble. Ruby Ross Goodnow was the decorator

The shalt in the center of the garden, which was an architectural difficulty, has been made background for a pool. The ball-natrade, which runs around the titled walk, is background for a stiff and formal try hedge, trained on a wire frame. The illustration gives an excellent idea of the use of a perspective treillage



#### COLOR TONES IN PAINTED FURNITURE

One Painted Piece Will Lighten a Heavy Room and a Number of Them Affords Excellent Color Schemes

#### MARY H. NORTHEND

LIKE a page gleaned from an old-time romance reads the story of decorated furniture. Royalty, especially in the middle ages, reveled in its bright colors, and placed in their palaces cabinets and chests showing rich scarlet and bright hues, worked out in heraldic designs.

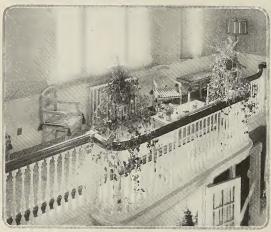
During the régime of William and Mary decorated furniture was used extensively, continuing in favor when Queen Anne took the throne. This queen, fond of bright colors, was responsible for the broad scope of brilliant decorations which were in keeping with the extravagance of the age. The master craftsman, attracted by the artistic influence of color, conveyed this thought into new designs.

#### The Color Revival

Then the fashion passed, and gorgeous old pieces were tucked away

under the eaves, considered valueless. The Victorian era came in and massive furniture replaced the more delicate designs. But today the modern decorator sees the desirability of using harmonious colors, and where could

they better be found than in painted furniture?
The revival in color naturally brought a revival in the use of peasant furniture and to-



On the landing between two floors painted furniture can be used to create a writing room. The furniture is white with bright color decorations and white and black velour pads. Chamberlain Dodds, decorator

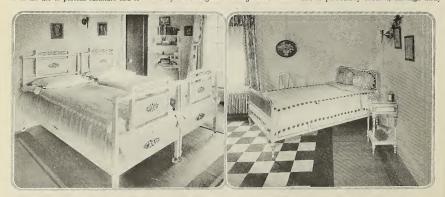
day novelties are continually being designed which lend unusual charm to a room, by creating a cheerful atmosphere. Original designs by the Italian, Dutch, and Bavarian peasants are being copied. These pieces have a distinct charm, as they differ in character from the ordinary painted furniture and are easily identified by their original coloring—solid backgrounds of yellows, bright blue, and sometimes black are applied, brightening the line and floral decorations in contrasting tones. Their appropriateness for rooms where light, dainty furniture is applicable has caused a demand for them and householders are searching the attics to discover old ancestral bits that can be scraped and redecorated.

#### Adaptable Pieces

Early American furniture lends itself to this type more readily than any other, both in reproductions and antiques; for here solid colors are generally applied with contrasting decorations of conventional flowers, in garland spots, and borders. Countless and bewildering are the many designs that are being constantly reproduced by modern artists, and these in their finish represent the work of the ancients

as scientists are bringing out not only more permanent, but a better variety of colors than those formerly used. Often single pieces may be obtained, so odd in construction that they mingle consistently with the furnishing of even a conservative room.

Black and gold is an Oriental combination that is particularly effective, although many



For a girl's room white enamel beds decorated with flower sprays are suitable. The corner desk and curtains bear the same motif

Black and white can be used successfully in a bedroom when some other color is introduced to lighten the severity of the contrast



Painted furniture fits perfectly into the breakfast room. The pieces here are white with green striping and rose decorations

The chest of drawers below is brown with colored medallion inserts. Peasant chairs match. Chamberlain Dodds, decorator a room with one-toned wall, which should be just a little lighter than the framing of the bed. The draperies of flowered chintz must fit into the composition, thus giving a snap to the finished whole.

Unique is the bedroom fitting in a Boston residence where green and brown is the color scheme chosen, and like many other pieces of Italian or Dutch furniture, instead of geometrical motifs, such as the tulip or Oriental figures characteristic of the countries, mythological scenes have been inserted which show great spirit in design.

#### Nursery Schemes

Keep away from white in the baby's nursery, for here delicate tints are most appropriate, with whimsical figures as illustrations that delight the little one's heart. The wise use of light furniture is important, as nothing dark or somber should intrude on their small world of gladness. Add a screen with framework matching the tiny bed, paint along the sides bits from Mother Goose; but limit yourself in the use of animals, which sometimes create fear in a child. In no part of the house are we so un-

limited as here, for diminutive furniture comes in so many different styles, ranging from beds, dressing tables, and chairs, to play-boxes, chests, and blackboards, each one suitable for illustration. Through their use, this part of the house has become a veritable paradise.

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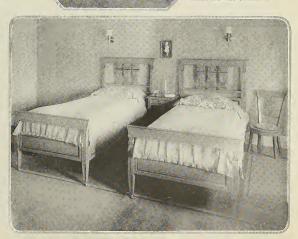
Love of the open tempts us to leave indoors to spend our days on the porch or sunroom, which should be fitted up with bright, attractive settings; painted pieces, combined with flower effects, give a gay atmosphere that is irresistible. The early American chair, rush bottom, is admissible, while willow and raffia furniture have been included in the list, as they are found to-day most attractive in their coloring. The inevitable tea cart is now shown in vivid colors, much more picturesque than the raffia or mahogany ones which are also obtainable.

types are finished with a black background and bright colors introduced in embellishment. Striking contrasts, very effective in character, are shown where harmonious lines of color are employed without any modifications.

#### Color in Bedrooms

Matched pieces are suitable either in the breakfast or bedroom furnishings. For the latter, whole sets are effective; but these, while similar in treatment, should show different decorations to avoid a sameness which is disastrous in producing proper results in interior decorating. The background of each piece should harmonize with the wall treatment and draperies. Black and white is always in good taste, if not over-ornamented, as there is a charm surrounding a room of this nature, more especially if the floor covering has squares of black and white, thus transforming what would otherwise have been a commonplace apartment into one of quaint vitalizing interest. Choose for draperies imported cottons of the same tone, with picture insets, which can be cut out as covers for ornamental pillows.

Daintiness must be the theme in a young girl's room where dark furniture would be entirely out of place. Why not use white enamel pieces with flower touches? There is a freshness connected with childhood days that would make this room consistent, and all the more so, if white muslin curtains with borders of flowers are chosen. If this order of furniture is advisable, remember it can be painted to match the walls and draperies in the various rooms; but have the finish just a tone darker than the wall surface, for the color prominent in the hangings will bring out individuality. Date brown with flower medallions is adaptable for



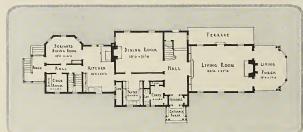
The colors of the painted furniture in this bedroom are gray and blue. Linen spreads with block fringe are used. Chamberlain Dodds, decorator

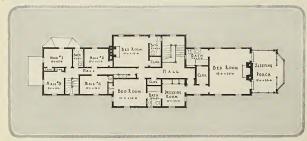


The style is Colonial, all architectural features being omitted to obtain a farm cottage type of building. Wide clapboard walls are painted white, shutters green and the hardware black

The distinction between living and service quarters on the first floor plan is marked. The rooms are large but the individuality of each has been preserved and the plan is simple and livable

From the master suite to the other end of the second floor runs a narrow hall with bedrooms and baths conveniently arranged along it. The rooms communi-cate easily and are well ventilated





#### THE RESIDENCE OF HUNTINGTON NORTON, Esq.

OYSTER BAY, L. I.

PEABODY, WILSON & BROWN, Architects





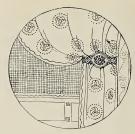






The main entrance follows the Colonial classic proportions, with post and lattice work in place of the usual stock columns. The door has an old Colonial fan light at top and two leaded lights on the side. Bricks form the floor







Frequently tie-backs are made of the

chintz or taffeta of the curtains them-selves, but if one is lucky she chances on really old examples of French gilt or crystal. Living room curtains may

or crystal. Living room curtains may be caught back by a quaint pair of French gilt tie-backs made of queer shaped leaves and flowers. A set of

shaped leaves and flowers. A set of four, 7½" long, comes at \$8 the set. Below is shown a feather-shaped tie-back, of French gilt. This would take heavy hangings, measuring 9", \$6 a pair. Next to it is a shield shaped gilt

### PAGE OF TIE-BACKS

In Victorian Days the Tie-Back Was a Popular Institution. The Use of It Is now Becoming More and More the Accepted





pair. Next to it is a shield snapea gurholder with a little knob of glass below which is pink tinsel. 3" high. A set of eight are available for \$25



You might call tie-backs the jewelry of curtains; they give a decorative fin-ish that is very entertaining although they must be chosen with a regard for they must be chosen with a regard jor the material and design of the curtain. In the circle above, is a band of gill with a while porcelain flower center. It measures 4°; SS. The little rocettes shown below are used to loop the car-tain cord on when cord is used for cord on when cord is used for a cord on when cord is used for real gill. They measured in the area of gill. They measured in the is a small, spalescent glass rocette, 2" in diameter that would go beautifully with sheer curtains; S3 a pair with sheer curtains; \$3 a pair

Tie-backs are capable of such infinite varia-tions that the few shown on this page repre-sent but a handful of the hundreds avail-able in antique and decorating shops—and in attics waiting to be rediscovered. Here are two designs. A striking pair of rosettes come in French gilt with touches of black come in French gilt with touches of black in the dexign. They measure 4" in diameter and sell for \$1.50 a pair. At the right is a shield shaped affair of French gilt that is used as a rosette. The curtains are tied back with an embroidered band ending in heavy tassels looped over the rosette. It is 8" high and is priced at \$4 for the pair

The dispifed curtaining of a window requires several elements—the sheer glass curtain that filters the light and makes it an even glow, the over-curtain that frames the window and gives color to the window space, the valances that finish the top and lend the variety of a decorative edge, and finally, our Victorian review, the tite-back finally, our Victorian review, the tite-back the left is one of those delightful opalencent glass rosettes, which are so effective. 4%" in diameter, So the pair. At the right, severely simple bands of French gilt with design in green, 7" long, \$1,50 the pair The dignified curtaining of a window reThis Victorian revival does not mean that dec-notor are reproducing Victorian rooms in en-ertitety. Heaven and Grand Rapids forbid But there were many decorative and entertain-ing details used in Victorian days that are quite worth reviving. The draping of this over-cur-tain to the floor is a case in point. It is a reaction from the secretly short-shirted cardians action from the severely short-santed cardina of the last few years. The lie-back is another detail that justifies revival. Done in the best Victorian manner there comes a pair of rather ornate lie-backs in a design of morning glories made of French gill with the flower in white porcelain. 8½", \$15 the pair



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# A LITTLE PORTFOLIO OF GOOD INTERIORS

The breakfast room in the residence of Mrs. Christian de Guigne, San Francisco, is an example of a small room in which the Louis Series spirit has been pleasingly reproduced. The walls are pale gray green, with painted panels tel in as over-doors and above the console. The curtains are butter colored taightes. Special interest is found in the Buck wardle-

topped console with its Venetian glass vases, the marqueterie-top table and the wrought-iron fixtures delicately reproducing the floral sprays and ribbons of the period. A plain capeting rig aforth contrast to the delicate colors and contours of the furnitine made value. The architect and decorator was Mrs. Edgar de Wolfe



One end of the bedroom in the De Guigne residence has a simple fireplace group of couch and writing table. Walls are paneled in pale gray and draperies and furniture are old rose

The other view of the bedroom shows the Louis XV bed with the characteristic wall decorations and draped curtains of the period. Mrs.

Edgar de Wolfe was architect and decorator

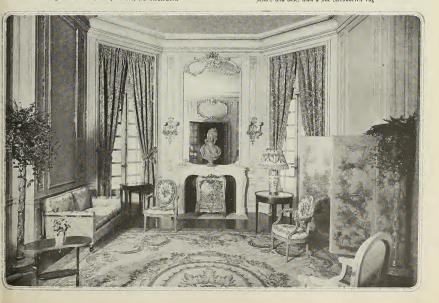


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Dignity is given the drawing-room of the De Guigne residence by the paneled walls and carved woodwork. Walls are Adam green, draperies m green and rose, and furniture, old needlework

The small drawing-room in the residence of Mrs. George A. Pope. San Francisco, of which Mrs. Edgar de Wolfe was decorator, is chiefly in yellow and blue, with a fine Savonnerrie rug



### HOW TO HANDLE COLOR IN DECORATION

An Intricate Problem Reduced to Its Simplest Terms

### COSTEN FITZ-GIBBON

COLOR is either one or the other of two things in the composition of a room. It is either a most valuable ally and servant, or else it is a destructive tyrant and enemy. Which it shall be depends altogether upon ourselves and how we manage it. If we grash it firmly, as we are told we should grasp nettles, and treat it with assured and intelligent mastery, it will serve us; if we are timid and uncertain, it will make us rue our indecision for many a day.

We cannot ignore nor evade color, even if we would, any more than we can avoid breathing, so long as we are alive. It is all about us at all times and presents an issue that must be met. We ought not, therefore, to leave our dealings with such an important subject to chance, as so many of us do, when there are definite principles upon which we may act with a reasonable assurance of satisfactory results.

The following suggestions and epitome of facts are intended for the use and guidance of the average householder who necessarily has numerous color decisions to make from time to time. When a skillful decorator is retained to take charge of furnishing a room or a house, one does not need to worry about color adjustment, but when a decorator is not engaged the whole responsibility must be borne by the householder. And even when the services of a decorator are retained, some knowledge of color properties and color combination, adjustment, and balancing of proportions will be of inestimable value in facilitating co-operation with the decorator, in assuring appreciation of what is done, and in avoiding subsequent ill-judged additions.

### Primary Colors and Their Combinations

The basis of all colors, and of all combinations of color, is to be found in the solar spectrum, which is made up of the three primary colors, red, yellow and blue. From these three foundations, standard or primary colors, by varied combinations and properly graduated proportions, all other colors are derived.

A color formed by combining two primary colors in equal proportion, is called a secondary color. The secondary colors are also three in number—green, orange, and violet. Green is formed from the primaries, blue and yellow; orange is made from the primaries, yellow and red; violet is composed of the primaries, red and blue.

The combination of two secondary colors forms a tertiary color. The three tertiary colors are slate, composed of violet and green; citrine, composed of green and orange; and russet, composed of orange and violet.

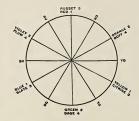
A further progression gives us quarternary colors, each composed of two tertiary colors. These, likewise, are three in number, the tertiaries citrine and slate producing sage; citrine and russet combining to make buff; and russet and slate uniting to form plum.

### Color Actions

By another classification, which dovetails in with the foregoing, colors are (1) Advancing and warm.

(2) Receding and cool.

(3) Neutral.



The contrasting colors can be found by following any line across the circle. Thus, red-green, buff-blue

Of the primary colors, red and yellow are warm or advancing, while blue is cool and receding. An advancing color is one that contains red or yellow elements in ascendency, It is called advancing because it is assertive, outstanding and strong in character and creates the visual impression of coming forward towards the eye.

The perception of color is "an internal sensation" transmitted to the brain by the optic nerve. And the agency that sets the optic nerve to working is the wave action known as light. It has been scientifically demonstrated that advancing colors are stimulating to the nerves in varying degrees, even to the extent of being disturbing or actively exciting. Red, for example, excites and stimulates the nerves, in some cases to the extent of causing rest-lessness. And because, by their vibrations, the advancing colors stimulate nerve restlessness and the rapid action of excitement, they are appropriately termed warm colors. The warm colors differ in the degree of their power to excite.

A receding color is one that contains the blue element in ascendency. It is called receding because it is not assertive nor insistent



On this chart are shown the three primary coiors and the way they combine to form the secondary, tertiary and quarternary colors. Charts by courtesy of C. R. Clifford

in character, but rather creates the optical impression of sinking into the background and receding from the observer. It has also been scientifically demonstrated to complete satisfaction that receding colors have a quieting, restful effect upon the nerves. And because of this soothing tendency in allaying excitement, they are called cool colors. They also differ in the degree of their sedative quality,

### What a Neutral Color Is

A neutral color, as the name indicates, is neither advancing nor receding; it is a composite color in which the advancing and receding elements evenly balance each other. Thus, a pure green, one-half blue, is neutral and so, also, is violet, in theory, one-half red and one-half blue. As a matter of fact, in the latter instance, the blue tone usually predominates and imparts a receding quality. Of the tertiary colors, slate is theoretically neutral because the advancing and receding elements in its violet component (one-half red and one-half blue) are evenly balanced or neutralized and so, likewise, are the advancing and receding properties in its green component (one-half pellow and one-half blue).

Neutral colors are often of a dull character (not invariably, however), such as some of the drabs or grays, and might be derived by lightening slate or other neutral colors with white or darkening them by the addition of black. One of the most valuable properties of neutral colors is that other colors may be put in immediate juxtaposition to them without clashing. This property is shared by black and white and by the grays resulting from their combination. Such grays, strictly speaking, should be called negative and not neutral for there is no advancing element in them to be neutralized by a balancing receding element.

#### Coral, Gold and Blue

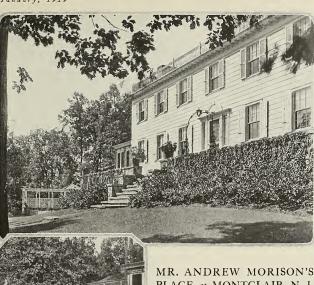
Certain colors that cannot be classed as either neutral or negative have this neutral property of agreement. Coral red is one instance, and this neutral property of certain colors that are not neutral explains in part some of the peculiarity and charm of a good deal of Oriental coloring that, upon first analysis, strikes us as daring. Gold, also, has this neutral property, as the illuminators and painters of the Middle Ages and of the early Renaissance knew full well. Under certain conditions, a cerulean blue, or a gray cerulean blue, likewise has a neutral property making it possible to use it satisfactorily as a background and foil for other colors.

From the foregoing explanation of the properties and composition of colors, it becomes clear that the qualities of color exervery concrete effects upon the successful choice of paint, paper, upholstery, hangings, or even upon personal apparel.

Take the walls of a room. The effect of advancing color upon the walls will diminish the apparent size of a room by seeming to bring all the walls forward to you and thereby contracting the dimensions. On the other hand,

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Because of the steepness of the ground, the site is cut into several levels. The house is placed on a broad terrace paved with flags and with blue flowering plants in spaces here and there. The style taken from the simplest New England prototypes. A rail-ing crowns the cornice

The doorway, one of the fea-tures of the front, is flanked with an arch bearing a land made from a pair of antique iron neuels taken from an old house in New York. The ex-terior—clapboard walls and brick chimneys—is painted white, and the iron porch and entrance archway bottle green

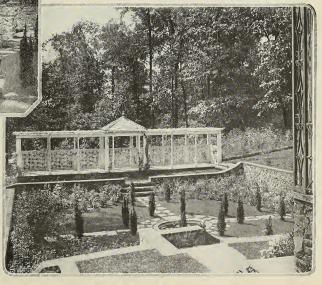


PLACE at MONTCLAIR, N. J.

WILLIAM EDGAR MORAN, Architect

From the south porch brick and flagging steps lead to the sunk-en garden, which has been laid out with a circular grass path centering in a brick-edged pool. An interesting arched open porch beneath the sleeping gallery is continued as a persola to connect with the garage and because kennels

The garden is enclosed by a wall of rough stone with a brick coping that forms an excellent background for the plantings. From the south end steps from the touch end step at the back with an unusual lattice and raised on a flagged brick platform



### THE WINTER PRUNING OF FRUIT TREES

Spot-lights on a Subject That Is 100 Little Understood—Methods Whereby the Crop Can Be Increased and Brought to a Higher Standard of Quality

M. G. KAINS

FOR convenience in discussing the problems of pruning, let us divide fruit trees into four general groups: those newly planted; those that have been planted from one to three or four years; those comparatively young trees that are bearing; and old trees that have been more or less mismanaged or neglected and are therefore in need of renovation.

When trees are planted in the fall it is a wise policy to postpone pruning the branches until spring. Of course, if branches have been broken in transit from the nursery or in handling they should be trimmed immediately below the break, but preferably no farther. The fewer and smaller the wounds, the more remote from the trunk in young trees at this time of year, and the less the wood below the bark is exposed during winter the surer is the tree to survive. So, even though it may ulti-

mately be necessary to remove half or two-thirds of the top to make a well shaped tree, postpone the cutting until spring when the tree will be in most active growth and can easily heal its wounds.

Só far as rruning is concerned, March will be seasonable for autumn set trees. At this time cut out superfluous branches so as to leave four to seven if possible with at least a hand-breadth between them. If twice this distance can be secured so much the better. The advantage of having six or seven branches is that in case of accident or poor devel-

opment of some there will be still enough left to make a good top; for it is far easier to remove a branch than to develop one.

The object of having considerable distance between branches is that strength is gained thereby. Branches placed nearly opposite each other on the trunk pull against each other when loaded with fruit or ice, with the result that they break down sooner or later. Because of the importance of this point, to say nothing of others equally important, it is therefore advisable to start an orchard with one-year-old rather than older trees; the branches are much easier to secure where they are desired and the trees can more easily be trained in the way they should grow. When trees are planted in the spring they should be pruned immediately afterward.

### Subsequent Work on Young Trees

The March or early spring pruning of newly set trees should be supplemented by a little attention during the early summer of the first year when any twigs that start to develop lower on the trunk than the lowest desired branch should be cut off, but every other twig and every leaf ought to be allowed to grow. These are necessary to help develop the tree. Remember that trees know their business better than any pruner; they need only direction.



A frequent result of allowing branches to develop too close together is a disastrous splitting which ruins that part of the tree

This threebranched tree may appear strong, but it is really weak because of the Y crotches

When branches are removed, the cuts should be made cleanly and close to the trunk with a sharp saw



During the second winter—any time between November and March—the pruning should consist of removing first only those small branches that are certain to become a menace to the desired ones, and second, of shortening only those branches that have developed out of all proportion to the others. In brief, the more pruning of young trees that can be avoided during the dormant season the better.

Here is where many people make their mistake; they prune not wisely but too well every year, and cut off too many twigs—the very ones that the tree intended to develop into fruit-bearing branches. When over-pruned during the dormant season trees figuratively grit their teeth, dig their heels harder in the ground and develop more branches, so their work becomes branch production rather than fruit bearing. Can you blame them?

### Trees Approaching Bearing Age

If one wants fruit, the safest place for the pruning tools is beside the "unloaded" gun, under lock and key in the attic! When this "hands off" policy is followed and where rational fertilizing is practised, especially the sparing use of nitrogenous materials such as nitrate of soda, the trees will begin to develop blunt ended little twigs along the branches. The age when these start to develop varies with the kind of fruit and the variety. Cherries and plums often start the second year

after being planted and bear fruit the third; some varieties of apples and pears start as soon, but many wait until five or even ten years old. Gyves upon the hands that hold the pruning tools will shorten these maxi-

mums! Peach trees bear fruit upon a different principle. Their fruit buds are not borne upon perennial spurs but upon exterior branches and perennal spurs out upon extend of states and slender interior twigs, mostly biennial, devel-oped the previous summer. These buds are easy to recognize during winter because of their position and form. They are rounded more or less and are borne mostly near the bases of the last season's growths. Generally they are in pairs with a usually smaller pointed "wood" bud between. As the tendency for the peach is to develop most growth from the ter-minal and near terminal buds and thus both extend the spread of the tree and increase the leverage and consequent risk of breakage, it is the practice of successful growers to cut off one-half to two-thirds of each twig and also reduce the number of twigs. This plan not only keeps the tree within bounds and helps to strengthen it, but it reduces the number of fruits and consequently improves their size and quality. While the pruning of apples, pears, plums and cherries may be done at any time during the winter it is best to wait until



Winter pruning and spraying may be done at the same time. A tree clipper is best for the upper small branches



Prune autumn set trees in March, cutting out superfluous branches so as to leave from four to seven

blossom buds have begun to swell before pruning the peach, the nectarine and the apricot, because the buds of these fruits are often injured during winter. If pruning is delayed one can be sure of how many blossoms he is leaving at pruning time.

If the policy of pruning as little as possible has been followed, not only will the trees have begun to bear sooner than if over-pruned, but they will have almost surely developed a larger number of branches, especially of interior ones, than will give best results later on. To be sure, the number of these interior branches may be kept small by regular attention during June. This attention consists of cutting off with a pocketknife, or even with only the fingers and thumb, such twigs while still succulent. The plant food and energy that they would consume in their development may thus be directed into more desired channels. The process is as simple as I have described it, so needs no further elaboration here.

### Young Trees That Are Bearing

But when, as is usually the case, these twigs have been allowed to develop into woody branches, some of them perhaps as thick as a man's wrist, the problem is very different. The tree may be considered in a state of balance, its 100% of roots and its 100% of branches working in harmonious co-operation. Now suppose that the owner suddenly decides to cut off the equivalent of 20% of the total branch development. He will have an 80% top but still a 100% root. The result may be so serious an unbalance that the tree will immediately slacken or perhaps entirely suspend fruit production and direct this 20% root power

to the making of new twigs, and these twigs will probably spring from all sorts of unexpected places on the branches, the trunk and even from the ground.

All such wasteful development can be prevented by the removal of fewer of the branches at one time, but extending the work over two, three or more years. The fruit bearing habit of the trees are thus not upset and the reduction of branches is not sufficient to cause the development of undesirable woody growths.

#### Making the Cut

While it is important to remove branches in small amounts during any one year, it is even more important to make each cut at the proper place. There is only one proper place; name-ly, as close to the trunk as possible, even though the wound so made is twice as large as if made an inch farther away. The reason is that the former wound will heal more surely and in less time than the latter. In other words, the longer the shoulder or stub the slower will be the healing and the greater the danger of injury to the tree through the entrance of decay. For unless a wound heals quickly the germs of decay may gain entrance to the heart wood of the stub and thence to the interior of the trunk. The inevitable result will be the decay of the heart wood, perhaps ultimately to such an extent that nothing but a shell of living wood will be left. Sooner or later such a shell will give way under the stress of a heavy crop or a storm.

When branches are carelessly removed they may split and tear the trunk or remaining part, due to leverage. In order to prevent this it is



The weak interior branches of pear and other fruit trees should be cut out. Winter is the time to do this

a good plan to make a saw cut from the under side upward a foot or more from the trunk until the saw sticks, then to pull the saw out and cut from the upper side downward until the branch drops off, and finally to cut off the

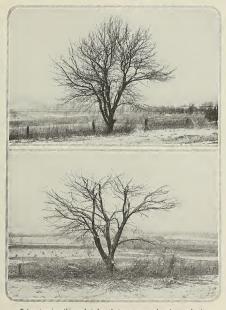
remaining stub at the proper place, close to the trunk or part that is to re-

### Dressings for Tree Wounds

Since decay of the trunks is due to fungi and bacteria, the question naturally arises, what can be done to prevent the entrance of these enemies? Many substances have been recommended. Of these, white lead paint in good linseed oil has been the favorite. A little coloring matter, such as raw Sienna, is often added to make the paint less conspicuous. But even the best of paint is unsatisfactory; it too often checks and leaves cracks through which the decay germs gain entrance to the wood.

Where trees have been properly managed from the start there will rarely be any wounds large enough to need antiseptic treatment or painting. And upon trees of vigorous growth wounds less than about 2" in diameter will heal so rapidly-in a year or two -that no application need be made. But when wounds are larger than 2", and where the trees are old or not vigorous, they should be treated. A far better dressing than paint, but one that must be used with far greater caution, is creosote. This is actively antiseptic, but it will kill living tissue. Therefore it must be very sparingly applied, and then only to the cross-section of heart wood. The brush must be pressed against the paint pail so that no drop will "run" or spread

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Before pruning, this neglected apple tree was a maize of unproductive shoots and small branches. The lower picture shows it properly renovated





Orange and light green were the colors chosen for the enclosed porch. Cushions and valances are of a rich green, orange and gray linen edged with a worsted block firinge of these colors. At the windows are hung linen gause curtains edged with the same fringe. The long green and orange table holds an orange bowl on a wrought iron base

Among the jurnishing of this enclosed porch is a card table panted aren and orange and made to jold down into a subal space. The wrought iron bridge lamp is polychrome with dull green to match the ceiling light and mantel candelabra. The jurniture is Swiss reed enameled a clear, light green. A fibre mat covers the red tiled floor



The hall has all the furniture requisite for a small country house. The wicker seat is cushioned in a stripe of blue, rose and yellow. The fixture is English antique harmered brass with bulbous sides.

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### "DORMY HOUSE"

PINE VALLEY, N. J.

FRANK HAYES, Architect AGNES FOSTER WRIGHT, Decorator

The guest room is in brilliant green and mulberry. The spaces of the walls are painted in large general street, and the spaces of the street, and the spaces of the street, and the spaces of the spac



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"Dormy House," which gets its name from golf parlance, stands on the edge of the Pine Vulley course. It follows Dutch Colonial lines and was built as a week-end house by a backelor for his golf friends. It is painted white and has a red roof and red brick walks about the house. The garden is laid out in terraces behind it.

(Below) On the stairs landing curtains of soft cream striped net act as background to the tvy and geraniums. Over-curtains are of Italian striped sunfast in rose and blue and yellow Around the old carved mantel in the living room are grouped two couches upholstered in a large pheasant design of blue and warm brown, and a long table with lamps of Italian pottery



The living room has paneled stippled walls in putty color, a rich background for the deep blues and browns in the room. Cushions are of brilliant blue velvet and the furniture oak



## The FLOORS, WALLS and CEILING of a MODERN KITCHEN

For Sanitary Results Tile, Cement and Linoleum Are Advisable With Enameled Wood as an Alternative

EVA NAGEL WOLF

SINCE cooking has become a science, the kitchen has been transformed into a laboratory. Certainly no surgeon could find fault with the sanitary conditions of the modern kichen. Not a crack nor cranny is left for dust or dirt to collect in and the corner is taboo. The joining of walls and floor is no longer an angle for they now merge with a sweeping curve whenever the materials admit of such treatment. Best of all there is not an inch of space but can be washed. Even old kitchens can be remodelled so that those who are not building a new home can take heart; the most approved kitchen can be theirs if they will but re-cover floor and walls along the lines suggested on these pages.

First let us consider the treatment of the walls. Time was when they were papered as were the other rooms of the house; the patterns differed perhaps, but still paper covered the walls, absorbing the greasy smoke and quickly becoming unsanitary. Then appeared glazed waterproof paper designed specially for bathrooms, a step certainly in the right direction. But this wall covering was not sanitary, despite the fact that it could be readily cleaned, for the heat and the steam



In this modern kitchen three treatments are shown. A cove tiling used around the base of the walls and linoleum laid on the floors. The tiling continues on to the ceiling which is painted plaster

quickly caused it to loosen from the walls. Something more durable was necessary and the painted plaster walls seemed to be the only solution. This treatment presented a smooth surface that admitted of washing but not as satisfactory as a glazed surface such as tiling afforded. It was more difficult to keep in proper condition than the tile, although an improve-

ment over the earlier materials.

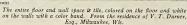
The most approved material of all for the

kitchen walls is the glazed tile. The tiles are cemented in place, becoming a part of the wall instead of a wall covering. When considered too expensive to cover the whole wall it is used only as a wainscoting with the upper wall and ceiling painted plaster or metal tiling. Walls of this type combined with a tiled floor make a most luxurious kitchen. The room may be white, unornamented, or any color scheme adopted that the fancy dictates. All corners and angles are fitted with cove or angle tiles and when the floor is tiled a sanitary base connects the two. When there is to be but a wainscoting of the tiles the top is finished with a suitable cap mould, which may repeat the

general color scheme of the room.

Metal tiling is less expensive than the glazed tiling but at present somewhat difficult to obtain as all metals were commandeered by the government for war purposes. However, it answers the purpose in no mean way for walls and ceiling. It may fashion the wainscoting when upper walls and ceiling are painted, or when tiles are used for wainscoting the remainder of the wall surface may be covered







Tile floor and wainscot are advisable for the laundry—glazed tiles on walls and patterned on floor, with painted plaster walls and white enameled woodwork

with the metal tiling. It is especially recommended because it can be applied easily to both wood and plaster, and with a minimum of labor can be kept in a sanitary condition.

#### Ideal Floor Coverings

When considering the covering for the kitchen floor it must be remembered that no room in the house receives such hard wear and for that reason the covering must be durable and above all comfortable. For sanitary reasons it must be non-absorbent. While a waxed or oiled hard wood floor may be cleaned, it is not cleaned as easily as a tiled floor, and no matter how carefully the boards are laid and fitted there is always opportunity for cracks to appear and make it unsanitary.

Vitrified or flint floor tiling is different from the tiling employed for walls. In the first place the surface of the wall tiles would be dangerous because they would be too slippery, and besides, they are not hard enough for the wear and tear of the countless steps necessitated in preparing the everlasting three meals a day year in and year out. So the tiles are baked harder and the glaze is omitted.

Large tiles may alternate in color or, if one prefers, the small square, round or hexagonal units may form the floor, set in patterns in one or more colors or in a solid tone with a patterned border. Quite like the wall tiles they are cemented to the floor, becoming a solid floor instead of just a covering. A rubber mat set in front of the sink or working table is suggested both for sanitary reasons and for comfort, for a tiled floor is tiresome when long standing is necessary and cold during the winter season.

Cement floors are commendable, but when color is desired it should be mixed with the cement in the beginning and not applied later, for the constant friction of the feet wears off the paint which has to be renewed frequently.

If a more resiliant flooring is desired there are several types from which to choose; among the best known are linoleum, inlaid linoleum and cork tiles. Each has its special claims on our attention.

Of course, inland linoleum is more durable

than plain linoleum for the latter is formed of square or oblong interlocking tiles in solid colors. They come in all colors with borders and a sanitary cove base.

### Using Linoleum

Linoleum should be allowed to stretch on the floor for about three weeks before it is cemented in place, after which a paste wax is thoroughly rubbed into the surface. It is then ready for use and the after treatment is very simple; it may be mopped up when soiled and an occasional treatment of liquid wax will keep it in condition for a life time. Laying linoleum is very difficult, requiring expert workmanship. It should not be attempted by the amateur. water is allowed to get



The pantry should receive the same treatnent as the kitchen. Here linoleum is used on the floor. From the residence of Eugene Meyer, Jr., Esq., Mt. Kisco, N. Y.

under the surface of linoleum it will cause serious damage, therefore care should be taken in wiping it up before it has a chance for any harmful effects.

### Cork Tiling and Color Schemes

Cork tiling makes a very comfortable flooring. It comes in three shades of brown and many patterns which admit of attractive combinations and designs. Each tile is laid separately, whether small or large blocks. A waterproof cement hermetically seals all joints, making a non-absorbent, noiseless and non-slippery flooring. There is also a sanitary cove base that is manufactured to specified standard

For a cheerful yet restful kitchen buff and

white in a small pattern are possibly the most satisfactory color scheme especially for a northern exposure. Gray and white make an ideal southern room with bright yellow curtains at the windows. Blue and white in delft colorings are still the delight of many, and this room, too, may be made less cold with yellow curtains. Green and white are restful and very attractive. While many may choose the striking black and white blocks in large design for flooring, it will be found that small units of color are most restful than large ones,

The cork tiling in three shades of brown makes a restful floor to both eyes and feet. The borders offered by the manufacturers are to be eschewed for the kitchen floor, although a solid band of color along the sanitary base cove makes a satisfactory finish.

To make and equip the modern kitchen entails more expense than one at first expects, yet it is the one room in the house that should not be slighted. Get the best of its kind and avoid cheap substitutes.

### Painted Woodwork

Should none of these treatments be feasible, and one is required to have wood floors and plaster walls, the following facts should be observed: The painted floor is economical. If the floor is not hardwood, it should be given two coats of shellac before the paint is applied and all cracks should be filled. Two coats of paint are usually sufficient. The oiled kitchen floor is not advisable because stains are difficult to remove from it and it is not easy to stand upon or keep clean.

As the kitchen woodwork gets hard wear it should be treated with a turpentine stain and then waxed or varnished. White enamel paint -even when one has to use four or five coats of it-will make the most attractive finish.

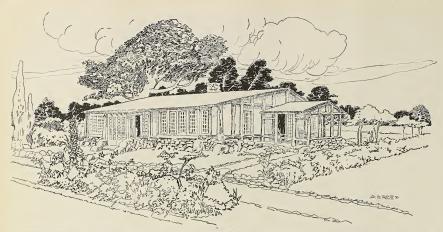
The treatments of walls, floors and ceilings advised in this article will amply repay the investment. A sanitary kitchen means less work, and less work means happier and more efficient servants. It assures cleanliness in the handling of foods because sanitary surroundings influence domestics to be cleanly themselves. Finally, a sanitary kitchen is more pleas-

ant to work in; its white walls radiate an atmosphere of cheer.

These are facts which cannot be over-Whatever looked. may be the ultimate answer to the much discussed servant problem, the kitchen will have a very definite bearing on it. We decorate and furnish the living quarters of the house with the greatest care; why not the working portion as well? It is axiomatic that without work there can be no play; equally true is it that without a background of housework a real home is impossible. Let us see to it, then, that all things possible be done to lighten this background by making its principal scene as perfect as care and attention will allow.

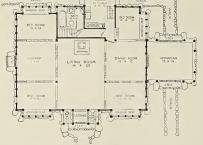


Cork tiling, which has been used in this modern kitchen, makes a comfortable floor, nonabsorbent and non-slippery



Construction timbers are left exposed both inside and out, and either hand hewn or milled timbers can be used. hewn or milled timbers can be used. The walls are combosed of an outside and inside wall board. The foundation is cement with outcropping field stones between which is laid rich loam where wines and flowers can grow. Cedar posts make the verandah, which may be enclosed with glass or screens in sapling frames

A detail of the sapling



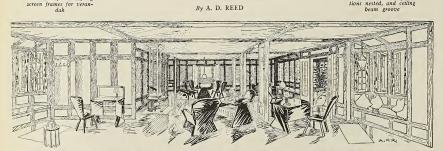
BUNGALOW JAPANESE STYLE

> Designed for House & Garden By A. D. REED

The feature of the plan is the way the four corner bedrooms can be opened into the living room. Partitions are four corner bedrooms can be opened into the living room. Partitions are made of paneled wall board and slide in grooves on the ceiling beams; when not in use they are nested four together showing only the surface of one. The beds slide under the unidous seats. French doors let out onto the yearners of the the liberate to the end. dah and from the library to the entrance



A detail showing parti-tions nested, and ceiling beam groove



The walls of the rooms are made of the paneled wall board in uniformity with the sliding partitions, and hang on simple hinges forming closets. The freplace, which can be seen from almost every room, is a circular grate enclosed with two sliding sheets of black sheet from. Two hoods and four pipes for smoke are of copper.

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Antique blue glass dish, teakwood stand, \$25. Chinese . evergreen, 25c



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There is always use for a good water set. This glass pitcher of clear crystal, beautifully cut, comes with six glasses to match at \$5

### SEEN IN THE SHOPS

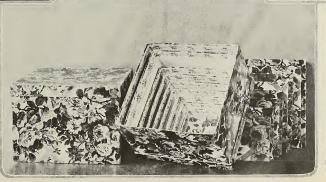
These articles may be purchased through the House & Garden Shopping Service, 19 W. 44th St., New York City.



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A cedar wood table lamp suitable lamp suitable for a hall table has a quaint rice paper shade with Japanese design. It is 15" high.
\$15 complete



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8. Crops that have heen a rowing in the greenhouse for any ensiderable time should he mulened. Pure cow manure is the hest ma purpose; several inches of it should he applied to the benches where the plants are.

### January



Continuous bearing greenhouse vegetables should be mulched with manure



Trench stored celery should be protected so that water cannot penetrate to it



Plenty of sod and straw covering for the root pit will the root pit will keep out the frost



5. It is not a good practice to allow leaves to lie on the lawn all winter. They should die earlied into pikes and carted to so me corner where they can be composed in the co

often done.

12. Be an poles and pea hrush are ush are consorted the productive garden. Why not gather outdoor work is slack to fund apring, or in the rush of other preparation it may be omitted.

be omitted.

19. Before spring all the fruit tree series all the fruit tree series are to oked over carefully and every mummified fruit removed. These diseases of many of our inseet enemies, and they should be hurned.

SUNDAY

6. House plants must have some attention at this time; the pores or preating organs become clogged with dust. Sponge the follage southout in lukewarm water, with a little tobaeco extract in it.

MONDAY

This calendar of the gardener's labors is aimed as a reminder for undertaking all his tasks in season. It is fitted to the latitude tasks in the same of the same

the ground is frozen it is a frozen it is a frozen it is a foot the manure into your garden. This will prevent the cutting up of the horders with the wason wheels. It is a frozen in manure in mproves with age.

with age.

20. Authorities state that placing food for our useful winter hirds with the hirds with the hirds resulting up their valuable activities of weed, seed and moxious insect hunting. Reguments and the seed of the se

27. Have you eve e r fisured to ve e r fisured to be referred to the referred

7. Why not make a small plan of your plan of your plan of your plan of your plan of the pl

TUESDAY

accurately.

14. Heavy mulchings that are applied for frost porthe for the loose coverings over vegetable trene hes sover vegetable trene hes, should dhe loosened with a fork or that the down and he of comparatively little value to the plants heneath. the plants are.

15. What a hour e old-frames for your garden the third and the frames your can easily build the frames your-self, but the sash must be ordered now or you won't have them to be the frame that the early e old-frame is the hest.

22. A good grape arbor is hoth attractive arbor is hoth attractive arbor substantially and huy only good varieties of grapes for it. Trenen the ground beneath the arbor substantially and beneath the arbor arbor is the ground beneath the arbor is the grown and produce ab undantly. 21. Have you a small fruit border around your garden? Raspbolries, blackberries, currants and hlackberries, eurrants and goose berries are a necessary part of a good garden, and this is the time to plan where they can best be put in when actually spring opens.

28. Dahlia hulbs should he looked over at this time, as you can tell now how they are shriveling, eover them with sand; if they should be kept in a cooler place.

29. All kinds of hardy plants that require it can be pruned. You may fruit trees should be pruned severely, while trees that have attained fruiting size need only very moderate reducing. So and a for further details.

FRIDAY

THURSDAY

3. New land that is intended for growing purposes can be made leady for 
plowing by burning the 
long grass while 
its duy. This is 
treatment for 
the grass growing in ordering 
and bordering 
cultivated 
fields, etc. 2. Spraying of dormant trees and shruhs may he praefied the winter months. Any of the winter may he used for seale and other hack infections may be used now than later.

Gelds, etc.

10. It is a bad practice to serape the serape the bark from siderahle amount of the live bark will be in jured. When the bark will te an it was rown it ean of the live bark will the same to the serape to the serap 9. Chicory
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benches in the
green house.
Use a drop curtain to exclude
the light. The
roots may also
he grown in
any warm cell
ar. Mushlar. Mushmay he grown
in similar situations.

ations.

16. Potatoes and other stored root erops should be piek as the piek a 17. During severe freezing weather large trees ean be transplanted with absolute safety. Dig safety. Dig them with good sized halls of earth around their roots and let them freeze hard before moving. A stone-hoat ean be used for transportation.

23. Plants
that are growins in the
ins in the
better of concernation
of east only
with some sort
of concentrated plant food.
Prepared
plant foods
eome for this
are excellent
and odorless.
Your dealer
will have them.

23. While are the vines are dormant is an eccellent than excellent than the property of the control of the cont 30. It will soon be time to start hotbeds for the early vegetables and flowers. Fresh

SATURDAY

4. Don't noque to keep
up regular
sowings in the
greenhouse of
those crops
which require
fresuent plantings to assure a
supply. Beans,
cauliflower, lettuce. radishes,
spinach, etc.,
are all true
croppers and
in this way.

11. Plants that are being wintered in frames require coessionally or they will become soft and yellow. Open up the frames on e v e r y bright day, are them in the morning so the clasts will be dry at night.

Is. While the trees and shrubs are dormant eaterplian nests and structure of the structure

25. All edged tools should be tools should be to oke do over now and those that need it must be sharpened. Lawn mowers that are in need of repairs ought to he st-tended to at this time and if the distribution of the country it should be fixed.

What are these maples and beeches and birches but odes and idyls and madrigals. What are these pines and firs and rouces but



Hyacinths, narcissus and other bulbs may be lifted and brought indoors



Old croquet wickets can be utilized to hold the leaf mulch over small plantings



Liquid fertilizer simply prepared by placing a sack of manure in water





To retain the whiteness of the cauli-flower heads, break the leaves over them



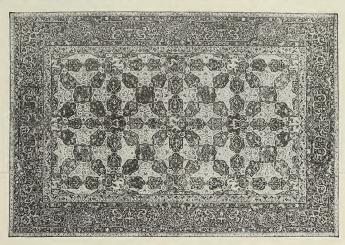
A good tomato trellis pays for itself in im-proved yield. It is a good plan to make one this winter, building it in sections to facilitate handling



Straw mats are excellent covers for cold frames. They can be bought from supply men; or if you have enough long-fibered straw you can make them yourself



Cuttines from grapes and green-house fruit trees should be taken now



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A naval prisoner of the Napoleonic period probably made little rigged ship in its straw marque-terie cabinet. Courtesy Max Williams



### Objects of Art Made by Prisoners of War

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themselves wonderfully proficient in this art in the past. The French prisoners of the Napoleonic wars who were quar-tered in England were prolific in their output of this sort. Numerous tea-caddies have I seen from their hands, here lar market for the art-wares made by iar market for the art-wares made by French prisoners at Norman Cross was held daily in the camp. Perth was another prisoner of war concentration centre and contemporary writers tell us that the objects made by the French prisoners there were of a finer design and quality than like things produced by the English townsmen, in conse-quence of which there was brisk market rivalry. At Dartmoor, Stapleton, Liverpool and Greenland Valleyfield the French war prisoners exhibited their skill. At the Liverpool prison they constructed little straw marqueterie cases to contain miniature ships and like

### Prisoners in Britain

In Francis Abell's Prisoners of War in Britain, 1756-1815 the author says, in speaking of the Greenland Valleyfield prison where the making of straw into strawplait was carried on by the prishands of those who su oners of war, "The employer gave out terdays of other wars.

Italian cousins. I feel sure that the the straw and paid for the worked arti-Spanish craftsmen did. At any rate cle, three sous per 'brasse,' a little under French prisoners of war have shown 6'. Some men could make twelve cle, three sous per brasse, a little under 6. Some men could make twelve brasses a day. Beaudoin (a sergeantmajor of the 31st Line Regiment) set to work at it, and in the course of a month became an adept. After four years came the remonstrance of the country people that this underpaid labor handless and the country people that this underpaid labor handless are the second of the country people that this underpaid labor handless are the country people that this underpaid labor handless are the country people that this underpaid labor handless are the country people that the country people had the country people that the country people had been seen to be considered to the country people had been considered to the country people that the country people had been considered to the country people that the country people had been considered to the country people that the country people had been considered to the country people that the country people had been considered to the country people had been considered to the country people that the country people had been considered to the country people that the country people had been considered to the country people that the country people had been considered to the country people had bee and there preserved in the cottages of by untaxed men was doing infinite in-the country round about Peterborough, jury to them; the Government pro-tal nearby Norman Cross was one of hibited the manufacture and much the chief camps of the Napoleonic pris-misery among the prisoners resulted ones of war. We are told that a regu- From this prohibition resulted the outmisery among the prisoners resulted. From this prohibition resulted the out-side smuggling of straw into the prison and selling it later as the manufactured article; and a very profitable industry it must have been, for we find that, dur-ing the trial of Matthew Wingrave in ing the trial of Matthew Wingrave in 1813, for engaging in the strawplait trade with the prisoners at Valleyfield, it came out that Wingrave, who was an extensive dealer in the article, had actually moved up there from Bed-fordshire on purpose to carry on the trade and had bought cornfields for that

What stories these objects of art made by prisoners of war could tell could they but speak! What silent testimonies of grit, patience and fortitude! But perhaps we may be glad that we do not know all they might tell, for to-day has sorrow enough and we should be grateful that time has been kind enough to leave us just the beauty and not the life details of these objects from the hands of those who suffered in the yes-



Another strau marqueterie cab-inet made by a naval prisoner of Napoleonic days containing a model of a ship Courtesy Max Williams

### The Rôle of Furniture Hardware

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houette, or shaped and perforated and most imposing of all were the great Hinges, likewise, were often treated in circular mounts for the lock. All of the same way.

surface motifs used, in all probability decorations or on bright-hued lacquer, came from the Orient. Hinges were mounts less brilliant and ornate would short, broad and numerous; angle or have looked insufficient; on cabinets of corner-pieces re-enforced the corners; (Continued on page 48)

the aforementioned mounts were of yelthe same way.

By far the most carefully and intriBy far the most carefully and intricately made mounts of the period—they based or fretted—sometimes both really almost form a class by themselves—and their whole surface was often—were those that adomed the cabinets covered with shallow engraving in flowof lacquer or of ornamental woods. The in designs of scrolls, foliage and flowinspiration for this particular kind of ers, frequently showing Chinese characelaboration, both in contour and in the teristics. On black lacquer with gold

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with marqueerie patterns, decorative it did architecture and its sway was balance likewise required them—the contrasting color of the wood acted as a foil to the opulence of the mounts and in evidence and of even shorter durathe character of the mounts enhanced tion than on the Continent. In furnithe effect of the veneered or marqueteric ture, the chief Rococo exponent was background. Many of the veneered Chippendale who, about the middle of cabinets of the period, instead of the the century, departed somewhat from broad, flat and engraved brass mounts, his better-known modes and designed a had smaller mounts of brass molded in low relief and sometimes fretted as well.

### In France and Italy

In France, from the end of the 16th heritage of Queen Anne and early or beginning of the 17th Century on-Georgian brass mounts, such as have alward, fretted and engraved mounts both ready been noted and illustrated, and of iron and of brass or bronze were of these he made constant use, often wrought with the utmost dexterity of finish. During the 17th Century the art of molding and sculpturing brass and key-hole plates, hinges and locks fashioned in elaborate designs, but bands, decorative cartouches or pieces of ornamental metal appliqué, feet or foot casings, angle-pieces, galleries and appliqué scrolls of foliage were wrought in great number. The motifs adopted for these mounts were exceedingly varied; they were all characteristic of the Baroque style of decoration with masques, figures and leafage playing a prominent part. The imposing elaboration of much of the Louis XIV Boulle cabinetwork with extensive use of richly ornate mounts to ensure a fitting balance of materials.

In Italy fretted and engraved fron atmosphere, they were gilded, and brass mounts, modeled in relief, of In Italy and Spain, Rococo furniture e same general sort as those used in and decoration never attained the deliand brass mounts, modeled in relief, of the same general sort as those used in France, but as a rule far less elaborate, cacy of design, the finesse of execution, were employed to a limited extent. nor the variety of forms and materials were employed to a minuted cannot not the variety of the period as they did beyond the Alps. Of more in France. Wherever mounts of the frequent occurrence were the small species just noted were used at all, they molded or cast brass studdings for credmodded or cast brass studdings for credure far simpler in design and usually
act and modest turned or cast brass cruder in workmanship. Nor was any
knobs for cabinetwork. High cabinets great dependence placed on them for
with many small drawers—somewhat
destinated the Spanish papelera—on high
stands, ocasionally displayed a good
begin to be some some stands, or some of the older fashions were
The Roccos oxlye, 1715-1705, affected
The Roccos oxlye, 1715-1705, affected

highly diversified veneer or embellished decoration and furniture far more than

good deal of cabinetwork the inspiration for which was wholly derived from the contemporary Louis XV fashions in

France. Chippendale had back of him elaborating such features as backplates or key-hole plates, in the shaping of the art of molding and sculpturing brass and outline and in the perforations, or such bronze mounts was carried to perfection, and not only were handles, pulls, molded relief ornament. He was quite ready to fall in with the theory-and it is a sound theory-that mounts should be made to play an important decora-tive rôle. Taking his cue, therefore, from the French cabinetmakers, he embellished some of his more ambitious pieces with chased and carved mounts in the intricate fashion of the contemporary French ormolu mounts. After the in-tricate key-hole plates and pulls with their flamboyant backplates, which were e imposing elaboration of much of sometimes designed in pairs as "rights be Louis XIV Boulle cabinetwork with and lefts", were cast, they were intricate metal inlay, required the geniously chiselled, chased and engraved and, sometimes, to enhance their elegance and to protect them from the

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### How to Handle Color in Decoration

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larger than it is in reality, and the large room with walls of a warm or ad-vancing color will lose some of its apparent size

#### Color and Size

In deciding whether to use warm and advancing or cool and receding color low; orange (composed of yellow and for walls and for floor coverings, one red) is the complement of blue. The must also take into account the exposure of a room as well as its dimensions. As a general rule, it will be safe to use cool colors when there is warm, southern or sunny exposure and to use warm colors when there is

a cold light or a northern exposure.

In the case of a small room or a narrow room which has also a northern

necessary warmth and contrast. While reckoning the effects of ading, remember that a piece of furniture were only one green composed of equal upholstered in a fabric of advancing (Continued on page 50)

the action of receding color upon the color will look larger than it will when optic nerve will cause the apparent size covered with goods of a receding color.

A secondary color (resulting from the walls seem to stand farther away from equal combination of two primaries) is the eye. The small room with walls said to be complementary to the one re-in a cool or receding color will look maining primary color that does not ensaid to be complementary to the one re-maining primary color that does not en-ter into its composition. The complementary and its opposing primary have nothing in common, but they bear a

definite relation to each other. Green (composed of blue and yellow) is the complement of red; violet (composed of red and blue) is the complement of yeldiagram makes this relationship clear. The complementary relation can exist only between secondary and primary colors; beyond that limit every color derivation incorporates some proportion

of each of the primaries.

It is only between complementary colors that absolute contrast can exist, a contrast, that is, between totally oprow room which has also a normer a contrast, that is, between fotally op-cropoure and consequently a cold light, posing elements that have nothing what-it will, however, be best to stick to cool ever in common. The complementary colors, in order to avoid apparent con-toring the contract of the contract of the contraction, and to rely upon occasional and if blended would produce gray, as touches of strong, bright color, intro- we shall soon see. If all colors were duced at effective points, to impart the of the same intensity; if there were only pressure, warmsh and contrast. one red, and that a pure prismatic red without taint of yellow on one side, or vancing and receding colors in furnish- taint of blue on the other, or if there

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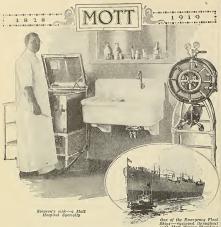
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parts of purest yellow and purest blue; we lighten blue by adding white, or if there were no gradations from dark darken it by adding black, we remove to light, no manifold tinctures and comit to another scale or key and we can binations, it would be as easy to man-preserve harmony with its complementage color as it is to turn the crank of an adding machine. Color management would become purely mechanical. Fortunately it is not so; the day is saved by value and scale.

#### Value and Scale

Value may be defined as "lightness" or "darkness," irrespective of color. To illustrate: take two pieces of material, illustrate: take two pieces of material, one turquoise blue, the other deep crimson. It is plain that one is light and the other dark. Those are their values. The question of value comes into decoration in the form of contrast. We may think of bringing a certain object into the furnishing of a room; its color may be entirely satisfactory, but when we try it in place we may find that it is so light or so dark that it separates itself from its surroundings and fairly "jumps" at us. Its value, therefore, is evidently too high or too low for the

Scale has to do with the divers de-grees of tone in color. Tones are the gradations of colors produced by dark-ening or lightening them. In the case of pigments this would be done by adding, respectively, black or white.

ary color, orange, only by adding a like quantity of white or black to the orange also, to keep it in the same scale with the blue. The same principle likewise applies to all other colors in the composition; the whole combination of colors should be kept in the same scale. For example, it would be exceedingly

daring and almost inevitably disastrous to use a pure, raw, ramping red or yel-low in conjunction with a number of low in conjunction with a number of other colors all in a more subdued or lower scale. The red or yellow would jump away from everything else. All balance would be destroyed; we should have an undigested chromatic anarchy, and its effect upon the eye would be comparable to the effect upon the ear produced by three people talking, one in Polish, one in Chinese, and one in English. Each might speak his own tongue perfectly, but their combined ef-fort could scarcely be considered an in-telligent or intelligible conversation without a common medium of expression. For any coherent color effect there must be scale, that is, a common ground of values and comparison on which all meet. In other words, the colors must speak the same tongue.



### Preparedness and This Year's Kitchen Garden

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but will break into two or three lumps when pressed; if the texture is too light the soil loses form under pressure.

Soils that are too heavy to produce

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### The Bedroom of Individuality

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and a bold design in mauves, blues and with a rose taffeta and there were bits a touch of burnt orange made an in- of old boiserie in commodes, night table a touch of burnt orange made an in-teresting contrast to the furniture to be used at the window and on the overstuffed chair. Simple white muslin ruffled curtains and a bed cover of the rumed currains and a bed cover of the same material give the room a fresh-ness and crispness of air, which is very pleasing. A two-toned gray wall paper with the faintest of designs, the woodwith the lamitest of designs, the wood-work painted a deep ivory and a deep mouse colored carpet with a bright col-ored little woven rug at the dressing table complete the furnishings.

Among the furniture selected is the small dressing table with a mirror at-tached and a settle to go with it, also a tall chest of drawers with a separate mirror. Instead of these pieces one may have a short chest of drawers and a dressing table with triple mirror. The writing table which is a very good size is the sort of adjunct which will complete the room, although in its place one may have a small table for lamp

one may have a small table for lamp and books to be placed near the bed. A very lovely bedroom which I saw recently done in the Louis XVI manner had simple gray paneled walls, which were a pleasant background for the brilliant shot rose taffeta, which was used at the windows with tie backs of many delicate colored flowers. True to the period the bed was draped in the taffeta True to the

and small chairs.

Still another very lovely room had a black and white toile de Jouy on most of the furniture with blue taffeta curtains and a dressing table hung with cams and a deressing table lung with cream colored net on which stood charming little blue lamps with yellow chiffon shades. The old French silver mirror on it, the little painted screen with a chinoiserie design, the chintz cov-ered chaise longue with cushions in salmon colored taffeta all gave the room a delightful French atmosphere.

A room which shows an enormous amount of originality in its feeling and requires a rather strong personality to requires a rather strong personality to enjoy it had brilliant green painted paneled walls with self-striped apricot taffeta at the windows, and as a bed cover for the old Italian painted bed. The dressing table was bung with a mellow toned French linen and on it stood a triple mirror in a dull gold frame. The chief point of interest, how frame. The chief point of interest, how-ever, was a fan-shaped full-length mir-ror which was set in at one side of the room, fastened to the walls with dull gold rosettes. Great brilliancy was added by a central many-branched crystal chandelier, caught at the top by apricot colored feathers. The use of the crystal was repeated in the side-lications of the control of the crystal was repeated in the side-lications. caught back with garlands of roses and lights which were of very delicate work-blue festoons. Most of the furniture manship and by the use of a crystal was painted a peacock blue and covered fringe edging the draperies.

### The Winter Pruning of Fruit Trees

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condition and thus prevent decay.

The principles already enumerated as to wound making and the removal of interfering branches apply to the prun-ing of old and neglected trees. But here we perhaps have dead and diseased branches and quantities of water sprouts and suckers, those usually burly and erect shoots that appear upon the trunk and main branches and at the base of

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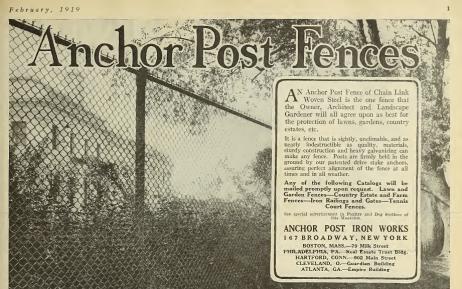
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Gardening is a habit, but its success depends on how you go about it. Slovenly gardening, like a slovenly habit, never gets you anywhere. It only wastes time and energy. But—and comes in—you can make every minute and movement in the garden pay if you have the concise information of how to plant and cultivate and garner. These three subjects are fully described in the various articles and pictures that comprise the Spring Gardening C. In. "The Four Stages of the Garden" you will have succession crops and their planting.

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Tall columns—an age old vine climbing up them—this is a full page in March

crop and how much. To this is added a table of the destructive bugs and how to combat them. These tables are a yearly feature, but this time they are arranged in a novel manner. You know how a theatre program is printed—with the names of the actors in the order of their appearance? Well, these vegetables, flowers and bugs will be listed in the same fashion. They will then serve the double purpose of being a guide and a calendar of a civit-ties. The details of a beginning garden are loss of the country of the details of a beginning radien are loss of the country of the details of a beginning radien are loss of the country of the

out. To these are added an article on conducting a flower show, which will interest gardening clubs, and one on the "Rainbow Garden Border," which is a complete survey of color schemes in flowers.

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### THE WALL OF PANELED BIRCH

There is a richness about the texture of some woods that makes it almost criminal to cover them with paint. In the New York residence of Mrs. Minturn Pinchot the dining room is paneled in birch, stained slightly to give it a warmth of

tone, and waxed. The fireplace is set almost flush with the walls and the side lights are simple so that nothing detracts from the beauty of this background. The architects were Murphy & Dana. Other photographs on pages 14 and 15



## THE SMALL HOUSE FOR THE MULTI-RICH

An Architectural Solution for the Man Who Is Burdened With a House So Big That He Can't Afford to Live in It

#### RICHARD HENRY DANA, Ir.

Drawings by T. F. Hamlin

M UCH attention has lately been given to suitable homes for the newly-rich working man. Should we not also turn to the problem of housing the newly poor rich?

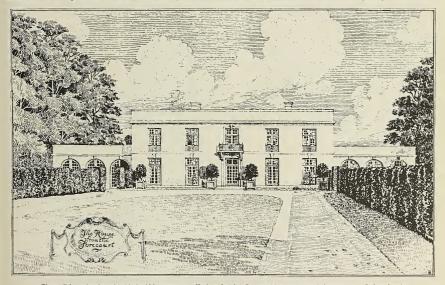
How shall we let them down easy? How can we help them lift the load of taxation that is imposed upon them—for the rich man today is being taxed to the limit? How can we help them escape from the burden of the sixty-room country mansion that hangs like a millstone about their lives—to the freedom of the tenroom little house? How lure them from quantity and stupid waste to quality and ingenuity? How save them from parasitic servants—and

help solve the problem, growing daily, of fewer dependable domestics? These are questions which today come home to the multi-rich as never before.

A large part of their former great income gave them no happiness. Now every thousand dollars left after taxes are paid must bring its worth of satisfaction and comfort. This is one of the most urgent problems of today. Let us

The advantages of the Petit Trianon over the Palace of Versailles are quite obvious. The small house costs less to build, less to maintain, requires fewer servants, and is easier to rent or sell. The little pretty is always more appealing than the big pretty; the small chic is smarter than the large.

In the first place, let us question those extensive lawns, the pride and ruin of many a respected Victorian, requiring the services of three or more men constantly to mow. The grounds around the new little house would be small enough to be well cared for by one man—preferably only one acre in extent. But, mind you, a specially selected acre, with a good extensive view, over an adjoining golf course, old estate or park, guaranteed for fifty years or more. The original price for this view



The small house for the multi-rich should be compact, readily heated and easily run with a maximum of three servants. Style and variety would be gamed by having the rooms either spaciously large or costly small; elegance ensured by high ceilings, unusually large French windows, selected materials and the finest fusik inside and out

might be high, but the upkeep would be nil.

The long way of the house, and the principal rooms would face this open prospect. Between the house and the low hedge separating the acre and the park would be a long oval view terrace, with places to sit entirely secluded from the driveway and public road.

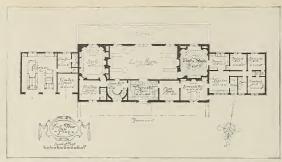
Complete privacy from adjoining houses would be ensured by thick bosquets of evergreen trees along the entire two sides of the property. The house would be secure from the dust and noise of the public road by being set more than half

way back in the lot. The spaces at the sides of the simple forecourt would be used for a garage court and small flower garden on one side, and a drying green and vegetable garden on the other side. A large flower garden would be unwise with its constant upkeep in summer and bare, unsightly beds at other seasons. Such small finished grounds for the all-year country home would be no burden but only a pleasure.

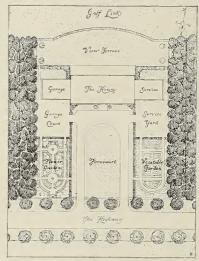
#### Elegance in a Little House

The type of house would be compact, readily heated, and easily run with only three servants. Yet there would be style and variety by having the rooms either spaciously large or cosily small, and avoiding the usual monotony of many medium - sized rooms. Elegance would be ensured by high ceilings, unusually large French windows, selected materials and finest finish inside and out.

The unwieldy burden of the old mansion was largely caused by the quantity of rarely used rooms, unattractive because unlived in, and maintained only by a large corps of polyglot servants constantly at variance. By eliminating these unused rooms, we would throw off half our domestic troubles, dismiss the housekeeper



Eliminating unused rooms, the first floor would consist of a smart entrance hall, a graceful little staircase, a large living room with a small study on one side and a dining room on the other. The wings would house garage and service quarters



and breathe more freely. There would, of course, be no reception room for polite oldfashioned calls: no drawing room for the formal entertaining of astonished acquaintances; no smoking room, as the ladies must smoke everywhere; no billiard room, as the country club affords better facilities for all such games. The dining room would be small and cosy enough to serve as breakfast room also. The large costly conservatory with its palms would be replaced by the flower

bay in the dining room, small and easily cared for, with a few bright and unusual flowers. And finally, we would be free of those empty guest rooms, and the consequent obligation for large house parties and clumsy menage.

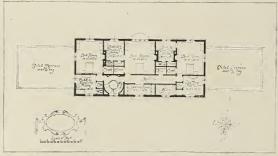
#### Privacy Indoors

Privacy would be the keynote of the interior. Everything would be devised for freedom of family life rather than for superfluous enter-taining. There would be no grandopera staircase. From the front door only a smart entrance hall would be seen, no more. The graceful little staircase would be in a separate stair hall leading discreetly from the study up to the bedrooms. There would be no extensive vistas from one end of the house to the other, no throwing rooms together by broad portiered openings, not even glass doors to look through. The doors would be few, small and solid, often disguised in the paneling for the sake of greater seclusion.

Sense of space would be given by one really large room—the living room. Here would be area for even the largest of the good tapestries, portraits, furniture and rugs from Villa Victoria—but no place for even

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Before the entrance is a forecourt; off the garage a flower garden, and a vegetable garden off the service yard. Extensive views o ver the adjoining golf course would be had from any point on the terrace

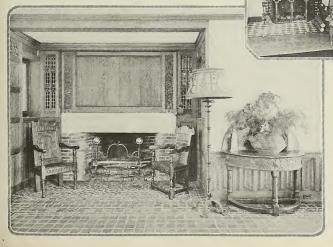


Upstairs would be only three bedrooms, each large and well aired, opening onto ir on balconies. A dressing and bathroom is provided for each, with a little sewing room looking over the forecourt



A living room fireplace of dignity and distinction has stone sides and a heavy oak carved mantel. Inset bookcases range on either side. The Juriliuse groups leaves an open space before the Keath. Color is given this room by the Chinese panels between bookcase, and the platter beamed ceding which is greated blue, red and white

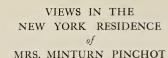
There is an atmosphere of privacy about a fireplace in a jog. In this residence—the Dobyne House at Beverly Farms, Mass—the dhing room freplace is set off in a corner by itself. The mantel stone is carred with family coats of arms and above that is a plain pand to be filled some day with a painting, flanked by carred panth and nervow closests.



The unusual blending of brick and cement and the little nicke high up by the ceiling give this bedroom fireplace interesting individuality. A rag mat lies before the hearth The chair covering is of green

## UNUSUAL FIREPLACES

BRETT, GRAY & HARTWELL Decorators



MURPHY & DANA, Architects



The stairway leading from the entrance hall has a simple balustrade of wrought iron. Black marble floor and pale green walls. Furniture 18th Century Italian in gray green, vermilion velvet cushions

In the dining room the walls are paneled in birch, stained light and waxed. The table is refectory in shape and is set here for the evening neal. A little stair leads from this room, as shown below

The little stairs that lead from the dining room give entrance, through a blind door in the panels, to this landing, thus simplifying the service when guests are assembled in the living which the stairway has been placed. The painting by Henri makes a bright color spot



A detail of the living room shows the placing of an old Italian mirror in dull golds and greens between two Flemish tapestries. The inlaid commode and the arm chairs of dull we in met and the arm chairs of dull we in met and evily placed so as to make the pianous inconspicuous as possible









## THE TRIBE of MANSARD

A MONG the fruits of peace that fell to our portion after the Civil War was great industrial growth and activity. Americans began making money. And having made money, they spent it. They went in for fine equipages and spans of glossy-coated horses; they sent their sons to college and their daughters aspired to the same halls of learning. They also built themselves houses of brownstone with slanting, dormered roofs. A man came to be known by the sort of roof he lived under. If it was a Mansard, he held a place of respect in the community. Since all men desired to hold places of respect, Mansard roofs grew apace—rows and rows of them all over the land, until of the tribe of Mansard there was sealed, yea, more than the provehial twelve thousand. The houses sealed with such roofs came to be more typical of American than did the Colonial, and they held this place for two generations until other times brought other customs.

One might speculate at great length on what architectural manifestations the present coming of peace will develop. Granted that prosperity will again be our portion, it is logical to believe that men all over the country will build them homes. For four years now they have been restrained from the attainment of this very natural and laudable aspiration; with peace a reality, they may go ahead with a clean conscience and feith used presents of business the activities.

clean conscience and fairly good prospects of having the cash in hand. Here is an opportunity for the architects of America to show their artistry and understanding of our American life. They are wont to scoff at the bastard Mansard that was forced on an unsuspecting public during the giddy 80's. But have they something better to offer, something more adequate to the demands of our modern life? Can they

now evolve a type of architecture of which men will be proud, an architecture that will give them standing in the community as did, once on a day, the brownstone, Mansard house?

THERE is much to be said for the tribe of Mansard. It had a noble lineage and

it was fairly livable.

The father of the Mansard roof was one H. Mansart, master architect to Louis XIV, who gave the classic dignity to many portions of Versailles, where today the peace conferees are assembled. Louis XIV greatly enlarged the palace, and Mansart designed the additions. Others of Mansart's conception of classic forms can be found in the Second Church of the Invalides in Paris. His classicism became the national architecture of the Louis XVI period. It was an imposing and dignified style, with admirable qualities of proportion and alignment of parts. It was, in fact, a continuation of the efforts of the Renaissance and it almost succeeded in cleansing itself of the vagaries and vulgarities of the Baroque.

The revival of the Mansart style was a natural step for American architecture after the Georgian Classical efforts had spent themselves toward the middle of the 19th Century. Some sort of classicism was wanted—and lo, Mansart! But in his travel across the ages and the sea he lost both his purity and his name—as tea loses some of its flavor by coming overseas. The style to which he fell in the latter part of the 19th Century in America was of low estate, and our builders and their publicists even did him the injustice of calling his roof Mansard!

The average brownstone house of the time was a box-like affair, crowned with a slanting slate roof in which were dormer windows. The angle of the roof was acute, and therein lay its secret. In the good old days when taxes were imposed for almost everything (something like the present), a man was taxed, it is alleged, for each story of his house. Our canny forebears, who were as loath to pay taxes as are we, got around the restriction by building a house with one story and a hip roof. They also found that this style—known today as Dutch Colonial—made a roomy upstairs because the roof was high. The same is true of the Mansard roof; its angle, plus dormer windows, made a roomy third floor. It provided space for storage, for the nursery and for maids. It may have made the house look as though it had a retreating brow, but then, who cared! Mansard roofs were the rage and good folks could see nothing laughable or unlovely about them just as you will see nothing unlovely in that new hat—until the styles change.

There's the word—the architectural style changed! As time passed and other architectural conceptions were put forward, the Mansard roof went into the discard. Today its name is a mockery. No one would dream of putting up a house with such a roof. And yet, how

fallacious such judgment is!

An architecture is good if it serves the needs of a generation. And before it can be good architecture, it should first be good workmanship. Much good and sincere labor went into the house of the Mansard generation. Its woodwork was honest. It stood four squared. Its stairs had a dignity of line and a commendable sturdiness of structure. Its ceilings were high and its windows booked out upon the

world with a measured and precise fenestration. If as much good workmanship goes into the houses of our next era of prosperity,

we need have no fear.

Architecture is an expression of the customs and mind of a people. It is an outward and visible sign of an inward feeling. The brownstone tribe of Mansard crystallized in its every line the mental and moral concepts of its age. It stood for a time when life was not so frenzied as it is now, when a man felt it his duty to the race to have issue, when women were content with their family life. Since then we have learned many things scientifically, but we have yet to find a saner basis for life than that which the tribe of Mansard typified.

Try this—some time when the world has been about your ears—try walking down a street of brown front, Mansard roofed houses. Night time is the best, for then the architectural idiosyncrasies are lost in the darkness. At first, as you pass, you think scornically of all those things that such houses lacked—telephones, good plumbing, and simple decorations. Then gradually, you become aware that they stood for something very fine—for decent home life, for simple pleasures, for children. And deep in your heart you are thankful for them.

We do not suggest that Mansard be revived. Spare us that! But it is desirous that-we have an architectural expression for our time which will be as effective as Mansard was in its day. Once that form of architecture is attained it will have a singular effect on American life. For, in addition to expressing the genus of a people, architecture also stabilizes their life, and American life needs stabilizing. More power then to the architects! More power to the men and women who plan to build homes!

## REPLY TO AN IMAGINARY INVITATION

What should I go to Greece for When I have got mine here?— Bursts of sunny cloud smothering Across skies combed and clear, Sunshine falling and fading Now far off, now near.

The gay young beech, the sycamore Rather yellow than green And the deep wind pouring All their leaves between What more dare I require? What better might-have-been?

There's a long slope seaward Over which the wind flows. There is young green corn springing And over its sheen goes One glossy rock sedately walking Turning out his toes.

The cliff-top dips suddenly And below on the broad sands A girl in a white fluttering dress Runs and halts and stands Shouting at a boy on a galloping cart-horse And clapping her hands.

Further out past the breakers' Bright welter and clash, Three jolly bathers Struggle and splash And the sea toward th' horizon is One glitter, one flash.

If I shut my eyes I see—redness,
II I open—blue and clear,
IJ forward—sea . . . dothers . . . cliff-top
If back—gay trees near,
If back should I go to Greece for
When I have got mine here?

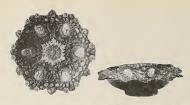
ROBERT NICHOLS.



C Marian C. Coffin

## THE GARDEN of BROKEN FLAGS

Beyond the gate and the spherical sundial of this garden, beyond the low gray wall and the persola exedra at the farther end, beyond even the colorly border plantings and their shrubbery backgrounds, lies the interest of the paths. They are of broken flagstones with grass cropping up between them. They garden is on the estate of Mrs. Charles T. Ballard, Glenview, Kentuky, Marian C. Coffon was the landscape architect.



## BERNARD PALISSY. HIS WISDOM AND HIS WARES

The Story of a Famous Potter of Old France, Inventor of Rustic Figulines to the King and the Oueen Mother

#### GARDNER TEALL



estly, than that a large number of men should struggle, one against the other, so that they cannot gain a livelihood save by profaning the arts, leaving things half done. So said Master porte luminiere by Palissy Bernard Palissy, born some four hundred years

FAR better it is that one man or a small

number of men should

make their profit from some art by living hon-

ago-1510, to be exact-near Chateau Biron

in Perigaud, France

Where in the whole history of the arts will a more interesting figure be found? His was not the swashbuckling career of a Cellini, nevertheless, the serious-minded would not exchange him for the volatile Italian who seemed ever and anon to be swallowing diamond dust or crossing a cardinal for copy. Palissy's was romance of a different sort, but romance nevertheless of a fine type.

#### A Forgotten Master

I have often wondered why we of to-day have almost forgotten about Master Bernard,

Master Bernard, whom the readers of our grandmothers' generation immortalized. I suppose the cultivated virtue of novelty which, in this restless era, demands incessant changing of school books from term to term failed to bring old Palissy along with it. In earlier days it was part and parcel of one's polite education to know something of Master Bernard, at least to know that there had once lived such a person. In those less curriculumed yesterdays the story of Palissy the Potter was always a welcome one. Perhaps we ourselves have merely overlooked the matter, and so I make here this venture, believing time has intended no slight to Master Bernard's memory.

How well I recall a certain lower shelf in a library which regaled the rainy autumn days of my tender years! There were treasures here convenint to the hand of one aged nine, treasures

fitting the advancement of learning laboriously attained under the unflinching persistence of an all too faithful governess. In this sanctuary I chanced in childhood to come upon a tiny octavo bound in blue, stamped with gilt morning-glories, morning glories such as I have always associated, for some unexplored reason, with the long late Prince Albert and the equally long late Lucy Larcom! Within the covers of this little book was a highly embellished



Faience figuline generally ascribed to Bernard Palissy

(Right) A round dish with heavy decorations. By Ber-nard Palissy (Below) Round plate richly deco-rated with allegorical figures in relief (Above) Classical (Left) Openwork subjects intricately wrought in relief on a round plate plate featuring the

nogram Henry II

frontispiece, hand-stenciled in colors of saffron, scarlet and azure with an overwhelmingly deep dash of bottle-green. I imagine this volume emerged from the press at a time when analine dyes self-proclaimed their advent to the mediocrity of the day. Beyond that I do not venture a date.

This giddy frontispiece seemed, even in my childish eyes, profanely gay for the subject it presented. Here was depicted the figure of a bearded man in foreign dress, visage forlorn, person unkempt. The artist pictured him in the act of destroying a quantity of furniture of a sort that might have given distinction to an early Victorian parlor.

#### A Destructive Small Boy

Just what seemed so terrifying about the situation, I do not know, unless it was that, as I distinctly recall, I myself had occasionally been regarded as somewhat destructive in the furniture line,-as when, quite unintentionally, I had scratched my great-aunt's mahogany sofa in making a desperate attempt not to slide off its hair-covered plateau at a moment when the peculiarly poignant texture of this revered fabric had caused me unwittingly to squirm about in manœuvering for a less aggravating bit of the area. From that time on Miss Solander, the governess, could not adjust her per-

spective to considering me other than a menace to mahogany in the front of the house or black

walnut in the rear.

Thus you can well imagine how heroically there loomed forth from that frontispiece the figure of one who was deliberately breaking up chairs, tables, stools, four-posters and what not -and a grown man at that! But the thrillingness of the situation was further enhanced by the fact that not only was he breaking up the furniture, but he was feeding it to the flames! There was no doubt of it; a copious employment of carmine and saffron made that point clear. That anyone should have dared to be so deliberately destructive at once awakened my curiosity, and I am not sure it did not awaken my admiration as well. I hope not, for as we grow older we like to think that our Golden Days were paragon in their virtues.



"La Madaline au Desert," an oval plate by Bernard Palissy, in the Louvre Museum, Paris

It was not long before I discovered in the background of the picture the figure of a woman in a Breton cap-inexcusable anachronism, though I did not know it then. Who was she? The furniture-breaker's governess, perhaps; no, that could not be, for he was older than she. From the corner of my eye I took a swift visual dart at Miss Solander. The lady in the picture appeared timid and weeping. No, it would not be a gov-

Just then a voice interrupted, "What are you looking at, child?'

"I do not know," I replied.

"You do not know!" exclaimed Miss Solander in expected disapproval, "Pray why do you not know?" She moved near, to be serviceable. "I was only looking at the picture."

Now Miss Solander never cared for pictures, at least only for painted ones of forget-menots and buttercups in water-color and sheep by Mauve in oil, so I hurried on to spell out the title-page. I gave it up.

"P-a-l-i-s-s-y,—Palissy. Master Berna Palissy the Potter," coached Miss Solander. Master Bernard "What is a potter?" I asked. And then it

#### Meeting Palissy In these after

years I have always been glad that Miss Solander's embroidery chenaille gave out at the first question, and that a gentle rain kept us indoors. Undoubtedly, too, this little book had been known to her childhood, for she extended it a more approving greeting than it was her wont to begrudge many of my other early literary discoveries. At any rate, I have forgiven her much, for that afternoon she read me the story of Master Bernard from beginning to end.



An oval dish with figures and decorations in relief, by Palissy



Faience panel portrait of Palissy attributed to himself. Rothschild Rothschild



collection



"The Family of Henry IV," an oval plate by Palissy. From the collec-tion of Prince Ladislas Czartoryski

How it all came back to me yesterday when my friend Cleon, at whose house I was dining, took me into his library and showed me, not a book about the old potter, but an actual bit of his craft, a sauce-boat in the enameled faience which Palissy struggled

through so many years of vicissitude to produce. Tenderly I took it in my hands and gazed intimately upon its lovely soft blues, grays, browns, wonderful greens and the soft and well-fused marbled colors on the back of the piece, all of which, together with the sharp modeling of the relief and "neatness" of its workmanship gave unmistakable evidence of its authenticity. It had not the crude greens, the glaring yellows or the bright purples that disclose imitations of Palissy's ware.

#### Palissy Collections

I have seen the fine collections of Master Bernard's handiwork in the Louvre, the Hôtel Cluny, the Sèvres Museum, the Victoria and Albert Museum and the Wallace Collection in London, the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York and the other collections of note, public and private at home and abroad, but the little saucière which my friend Cleon per-

mitted me to gaze upon, - nay, dear reader, to hold in my hands!-there was not a finer bit anywhere. Master Bernard must have given a chuckle of contentment when he drew it from the kiln!

One might, with a princely purse, collect a few examples of Palissy ware in the course of a lifetime keenly devoted to the pastime! But so rare is Palissy ware that even in Cleon's house I had not ex-(Continued on

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Early view of Saintes. Palissy's kilns were in quarter marked A

## DOORS and SHUTTERS of the COLONIAL PERIOD

The Structure, Measurements and Panel Disposition Which Make for Colonial Perfection

#### H. D. EBERLEIN

A MAHOGANIZED door, with glass panel and a plated-silver knob, set within a fine old Georgian doorway is a brutal shock and a glaring anomaly. It jars one's sense of the eternal fitness of things. It is a clumsy misfit and nothing can ever reconcile such a door with its setting.

A little more than a year ago the writer was making a special study of the fine 17th and 18th Century houses in a part of the country where dwellings of that sort abound. Time and again he was confronted by just such offensive anachronisms. mahogany and plate glass dead flies in pots of otherwise purest architectural ointment. It set him to wondering whether all the people of that neighborhood had gone architec-turally blind since they had so utterly failed to appreciate their surrounding architectural glory and could deface it with such monstrous improprieties. And the same inexcusable phenomenon may be found



The affinity between the door frame and the door itself can be seen in this example of late 18th Century work found in New Hampshire

Periods are based on panel arrangement. The eight panel design on the extreme left is mid-18th Century type from Barnstable, Mon. On the right, the two panel door is late 17th Century and comes from South Varmouth, Mon. I the left is the left in the late 18th Century, and the heart, with small left planels, early 18th Century. to a greater or less extent in plenty of other places, too.

The points to note and compare in examining the door and shutters of the Colonial period are:

Structure and type.

Measurements of stiles and rails. Arrangement, size and number of panels.

Measurements and profiles of the moldings enclosing the panels. Character of the hardware.

Doors and shutters are of two sorts of construction, battened and paneled. The former are necessarily more massive than the latter but possess the merit of direct and vigorous simplicity. They consist of two layers of boards, usually grooved and often beaded on one edge, which are laid at angles each to the other. The boards of one side, usually the outer, are set vertically; the boards of the other or inner side may be set either horizontally (at right angles to the outer layer) or diagonally; sometimes, if there be two doors, herring-bone or chevron-



Among the unusual types found in Bermuda is this folding door with an all-over latticed light. Plaster columns at either end

Early 17th Century doors are to be found at Graeme Park, Horsham, Pa. This Colonial woodwork is an especially fine example

wise. The division lines between the boards, especially if one edge is beaded, contribute the chief decorative interest. The type is severe but full of dignity and impressive in its setting which generally consists of a narrow and simply molded frame, oftentimes with a narrow transom of small rectangular panes. Such a heading relieves the severity of a succession of vertical lines. If there be any external overdoor feature beside the transom, it is the plainest kind of rectilinear pediment hood. This type of door occurred frequently in very early dwellings and was also much used in old meeting houses. It is easy and inexpensive to make and can be fitted to any size of doorway without reference to the stock sizes of millwork.

Paneled doors and shutters exhibit great diversity of composition and consequently a wide variety of interest. Different fashions of paneling doors prevailed at different periods

and the manner of panel arrangement affords an approximate index to date, just as do the cut of clothes or any other phenomena of style evolution. Measurements of stiles and rails vary according to panel arrangement and can best be studied in that connection.

In the late 17th Century and early 18th Century (c. 1665-c. 1725) one common arrangement had four or two panels of nearly equal size, double doors having two panels in each leaf, single doors either four or two according to width of doorway. Another arrangement common at the same time had six panels (double doors three in each leaf); two small at the top, two long below, and two (Continued on page 60)

(Left) Doorway to "Mt. Pleas-ant", Philadelphia, showing the heavy classical lines of the frame and pediment, with sturdy panels in the door itself relieved by a

carved light

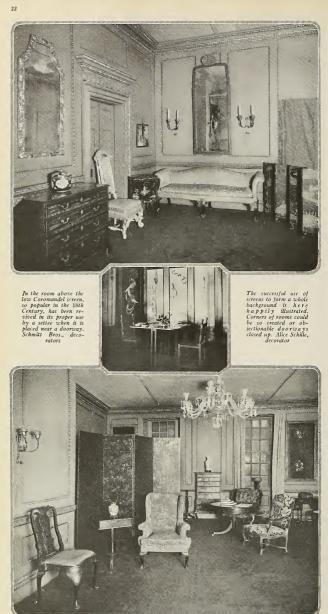


The door of Gloria Dei Church in Philadelphia presents a study in the regular paneling of the early 18th Century. A stately style in a stately frame



An eight panel door is found at "Cliv-den", Germantown. It is an example of the mid-18th Century. Doors are narrow and pro-tected by shutters

A late 17th Century four panel door is found at the Mo-ravian Sisters' House, Bethlehem, Pa. The overdoor light is unusual in such work



## The VERSATILITY of SCREENS

A Useful Accessory of Varied Possibilities

NANCY ASHTON

OF all the decorative accessories probably the most versatile and at the same time the least understood is the screen. It never occurs to most of us that it has any use except in the dining room to shut off the service door. As a matter of fact it spossible uses are as varied as its designs and its presence frequently creates the character of a room.

In Georgian days when the huge living rooms were cold and draughty and
heated by nothing more adequate than
a small fireplace, a screen was an actual
necessity. Discreetly placed at one of
the entrance doorways it served the
double purpose of cutting off the cold
air and breaking the length of the
room. So placed today, with an interesting furniture group in front of it, it
may be equally effective.

Such a screen must of course be tall and no less than four-fold. It may be of painted canvas in an infinite number of designs or of tooled leather, or carved wood, but it must be of sufficiently lovely design and color to add a great deal to the harmony of the room. I suppose one of the most beautiful illustrations of this was the use of a tall screen in itself so lovely that it was the dominating note in the room.

It was made of plain emerald green old Chinese satin without a sign of decoration and it was very tall, at least eight feet. In its bright surfaces was reflected all the light and shadow of the foom. Placed directly in back of the glazed chintz davenport, which was drawn up at one side of the fireplace, it made a perfectly delightful background for the charming hostess. The room was a library lined with books, with a gay flowered glazed chintz at the windows and on the furniture and the striking note of emerald green repeated in the glass wall sconces.

#### In A Studio

In these days of huge studios which serve the purpose of living room and dining room as well, the screen plays an important rôle, and if wisely placed may effectively cut off that part of the room where dinner is to be served.

Sometimes an ugly wall may be disguised by the correct placing of screens, so as to form a new and interesting background. If more than one screen be used, they should of course be the same height and the same general character of design, preferably as simple as possible.

To break a long living room by discreetly placing a tall red lacquer screen at one of the entrances, with an arrangement of furniture in front of it, is an interesting treatment. Schmitt Bros., decorators

Woods

The little low screens, not more than 3' high, have always fascinated me the most, and they are less used than any. The tall, rather important Coromandel screens are better known, but the small ones are even more delightful, though serving an entirely different purpose. I saw one effectively used next to a vivid yellow damask settee, its Chinese design on a black ground making an interesting color contrast. Placed near a doorway as it was, it was both effective in color and useful.

#### Fireplace Screens

Another happy use of a small screen is near a fireplace, not as a fire-screen (they are a story in themselves) but just a low, two or three-fold screen, either of damask or silk, placed near a big armchair, making a little more friendly group in front of the fire. These little screens may be made in a variety of materials, and I saw a fascinating one made of heavy beige colored paper on which little old color prints had been inset in oval medallions. The edge of the screen, as well as the medallions were finished off with a narrow green paper border.

What a delightful touch this would

be for a boudoir!

An artist in the small decorative accessories has devised a screen made of pergamyn through which the light filters sufficiently to bring out the quaint Persian design in delicate tones. This was placed in a bedroom directly in front of the door leading to the dressing room and was made about 5' high.

At a very wide doorway where the thoughtless architect has omitted doors altogether, the screen is absolutely indispensable. There one will need a very tall one and I have seen a pair of tall Chinese screens fitted into such a doorway so as to actually close.

#### Their Advantage

There is one great advantage about screens: they may be really as simple and inexpensive as you please if made of a good wall-paper. Even for the rather dignified living room, if the paper be chosen with great discrimination and lacquered to a good tone such a screen would be very effective. There are a variety of black wall papers which are excellent for this purpose and one or two pastoral designs, not to forget the bird and flower designs reproduced from the 18th Century papers.

The simple chintz covered screens

are useful for the bedroom, or if one pleases, one may have a plain linen in a good color with the main design of the chintz repeated in the applied motifs on the panels of the screen. In fact, inexpensive and yet effective screens are so easily made that one wonders that the department stores are still able to dispose of their cheap supply of pseudo-Oriental variety.

A tall Coromandel screen in an Orien-A tau Coromanaes screen in an Orien-tal design may be used to cut off the service door in a dining room. Walls are oak paneled; hangings, blue dam-ask. Mrs. Edgar de Wolfe was the decorator











A general view of the entire group shows the compactness and easy access of the various units. The chicken houses are located in the wing on the left. The cows and horses are in the long wing in the whidle, and the carriage room and general wagon storage in the wing joined to the gardener's cottage by a trellis. The cedar planting, not on the architect's plan, somewhat deteracts from the appearance of the front



A trellised archway stands between the chicken house and the tower with a path leading to the door of the feed room. This trellis is repeated by the gardener's cottage

The cottage is a simple Colonial type with four rooms and hall downstairs and four rooms and bath up. The latter can be opened, making a dormitory. A vegetable garden is in front

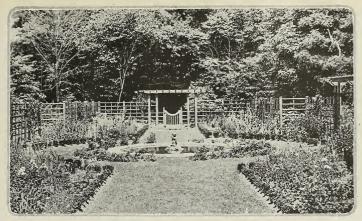
The lower floor of the tower serves for feed room and the upper houses an extra hand. A dove cote is in the top. This and all the buildings are finished in old split cypress shingles, long in vogue in the locality.

FARM BUILDINGS on the PLACE of J. A. MOLLENHAUER, Esg.

at BAY SHORE, L. I.

ALFRED HOPKINS, Architect



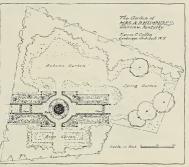


A simple trellis encloses the garden. At the meeting of the axes lies a little pool. Box edges the borders

W E have come through a grove of tall trees to the arbored entrance of the garden. Before us is just a simple straight walk with long box edged flower borders and lattice enclosure. It is spring and the tulips are in bloom, all in the softest shades, white, lilac, lavender, heliotrope, purple. How delicate it is with the tulips raising their tinted cups high above the new green of the garden. When we see it again, it may be, perchance, in the heat of the mid-summer. We find white and lilac and violet phloxes. lilac and white scabiosa, purple and white gladiolus, and pure white galtonias. How cool and refreshing it seems. Or we may see it again in the autumn with its lilac and purple perennial asters, its lavender and white stocks, white snapdragons and white dahlias. How quiet and refined it seems then. And the vines, at first merely a thin tracery upon the lattice, soon wreaths the wooden framework with garlanded decoration. There are lathyrus, the climbing pea, and roses and clematis. There are Silver Moon roses, with soft semi-double large white flowers, and the lovely

blush Gloire de Dijon and the great white flowered climbing Kaiserin Auguste Victoria. And of the clematis, there are purple varieties and white ones, not only the familiar autumn Clematis paniculata but its choicer relative, Clematis Henryi with luxuriant June bloom of great star-shaped blossoms. Flowers and vines, in their overlapping succession of bloom, reiterate in different form each time the lovely coloring of Iliac and white in the garden path.

THAT day in the spring when we walked between the borders delicately adorned with tulips we went on to the very end of the path and there entered the spring garden under the old walnut trees. It was full of budding columbines where just a little while before we



### IN A SOUTHERN GARDEN

On the Place of Mrs. A. P. Humphrey, Glenview, Ky., Marian C. Coffin, Landscape Architect

#### ELSA REHMAN

went to see the creeping phloxes and where in a few days we will be seeking the bloom of irises and the peonies that will begin to open their ready buds. After that, when the great trees are in full leaf and the garden becomes very shady we will find but an intermittent bloom, of white lilies, of foxgloves, of white asters.

SOMETIMES, as upon some day in early summer, we will stop midway down the path where, at a little round pool, a cross path will lead us into the rose garden. It is just a tny place, half hidden away, half lost in its enclosing shrubbery, yet how full of flowers we find it. Rose Dr. Van Fleet is out, climbing over the arbored seat with its large flowers

There are three gardens in all—one formal and enclosed, an autumn garden and a garden for the spring

and loose habit displayed through very contrast amid the small rambler type of the other pink climbers, Paradise and Evangeline. The pink H. T. roses are in bloom and the polyanthas, pink and cream ones that grow intermingled as edgings. Then there are old fashioned China roses and there are moss roses whose spiny clusters are full of fragrance and full of memories of old-time nosegays. And there are some bush roses, white Madam Pantier and pink Penzance briers.

T other times when we hesitate A midway along the path our eye may catch glimpses of another garden, on the other side. Like the rose garden it, too, is half hidden in its tree and shrub enclosure, but it is larger with an irregularly shaped lawn surrounded by broad borders bright with flowers. The oriental poppies may be in bloom, pink ones, maroon ones, deep blood red ones, or there may be great mats of Sweet William, like the poppies each variety in separate masses, or there may be larkspurs in flower, their great spikes rising out of the background all around the garden.

These effects are just simple preludes to a garden at its best in the autumn. It seems quiet enough at the entrance with ageratum and blue salvia, but look at the border opposite. As we cannot see, from the entrance, any of the flowers that make the transition,-the pink phloxes and flesh colored zinnias, the calendulas, the yellow and orange dahlias and crimson corcopsis, -- several octaves in the color scale seem to have been leapt at a bound, for across the coolest of blues we see scarlet zinnias and red dahlias full of richness and warmth. They form a brilliant keystone, as it were, for the flowers that seem to radiate out from them: for tritomas and orange red montbretias, for rich red heliochrysum and flame snapdragons, for scarlet verbenas and the brightest red phloxes.



Gillies

The house is of Dutch Colonial influence, clapboarded, comfortably low to the ground and with red bricked porches and doorstep. It is white, with bluish-green blinds and red tile chimney caps



The entrance is sharply accented by its peaked gable within which the space is occupied by a bathroom. A box of geraniums and trailing foliage plants crowns the door trame, adding a touch of color



The RESIDENCE of C. C. MULLALY,  $E_{Sq}$ .

PHILIPSE MANOR, N. Y.

DWIGHT J. BAUM,

Architect

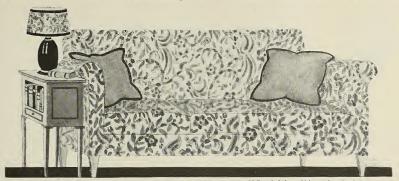




On one side of the ground floor are the dining room and service section; on the other, the living room with its flanking porches and fireplace at one end. Four bedrooms and two baths are above, besides the maid's quarters

An unusual architectural feature noticeable at the rear is the manner in which the larger dorner has been brought forward so that it blends into the main line of the house, thus greatly increasing the bedroom space

## COUCH-END TABLES, STOOLS AND STANDS



One of the most distinguished davenport-end tables is a reproduction of an old French design, which may be painted any color. There is a special place for books and a long, narrow drawer. 30" high, top 21" x 12". \$45



Jacobean feeling characterizes this little mahogany table with its half octagonal top. 26" high, top 13" x 26". \$17.50



A three-legged table with stretcher reproduces a Colonial design. Mahogany with walnut stain finish. 26" high, top 24". \$37



A half-moon shaped table of Hepplewhite design comes in dull mahogany finish. 26" high, top 13" x 26". \$15



A reproduction of an old English stool. Solid mahogany in walnut stain finish. 20" high, top 18" x 12". \$27



Dull mahogany finish gives character to this rectangular table with single stretcher. 26" high, top 26" x 13". \$22.50



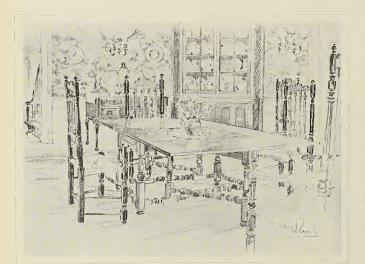
A convenient little gate leg table comes in mahogany with walnut stain finish. 27" high, top 24" x 30". \$40



Among the strange records in the book of New England antiquity is the tale of the Orient in Oriental art objects brought back from the East by Yankee sea captains. Though exotic they fit in with the stardy furniture of the period, the the walls are covered with Chinese tea box paper. Above the mattel hang two old Chinese paintings on glass, and at each and of the mattel shed is a yellow cloisonne vase. At the same time Colonial atmosphere is established by the brass candierisks and androngs, the crane and gold mirrors which hang at either side of the property of the control of the property of the pr

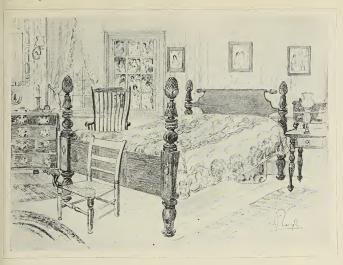


## COLONIAL ANTIQUES OF DISTINCTION IN THEIR PROPER SETTING



The walls of the dining room are covered with a blue Chinese paper of dwarf pines. Silver sconest contrast with their background. The table is an old type of square with spiridle backs go with it homolously. A Queen Anne low-boy serves for sideboard, its old silver plate grouped in a dignified fashion. The corner cupboard, which is almost a sine qua non of the period, is filled with old china that correlate the plant of the property of the pr

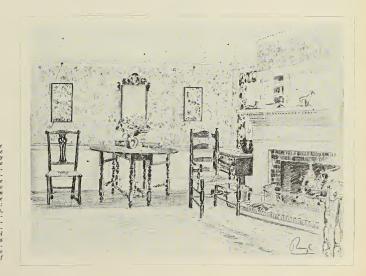
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## THE HOME OF MRS. IRMA KENNARD AT DUXBURY, MASS.



The drawing-room maintains the granine Colonial atmosphere. The walls are papered in silver gray with examples of old copper plate chints and carved mirrors breaking the surface. A beautiful mantel forms the focal point of the room. It is fitted with a low brass fender and a fender cushion that encircles the hearth. The furniture is typical of the period; and the product of the

## THE STORY of JAPANESE PAINTING

Being the First of Two Articles on the Beginnings of this Nipponese Art and Its Development

#### W. G. BLAIKIE MURDOCH



"The Cliffs", by Shibata, early 19th Century

A LONG and dreary time must elapse ere the Occidental, living in Japan, can speak with any fluency the language of the country.

Having reached that stage, he will find it very difficult, still, to follow the ordinary parlance of the people.

But, when that likewise has been mastered, an adventure of quite singular charm is to visit many Buddhist temples, and chat with the priests.

They are usually friendly, proud to show their treasures of hieratic art, glad to tell what they know about the men who wrought these things,

while often they will give an invitation to come into the rectory for some green tea. Listening always with a curiously marked interest to Western comments on Oriental painting in general, the priests to-day, as of old, are frequently themselves artists, perhaps conducting a little art-school. And here may be seen a group of boys and girls, kneeling on the matted floor, with their handiwork spread before them, each using exactly the media used in Japan centuries ago. The visitor may himself essay those media, thus getting an idea of their advantages and disadvantages, compared with those of the brushes and pigments of the West.

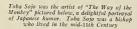
#### Painters and Society

Through ten centuries, Japan nearly always had fine painters. She personally honored them far above the adepts in the colored print, although this last is what the Occident is still inclined to view as the prime glory of Japanese art.

Dealing with the curious forms of despotism which existed in Old Japan, Lafcadio Hearn says that personality was "wholly sup-



finely shown by the story of Hideyoshi (1536-1598) who, born a peasant, and employed for a while as butler to a feudal lord, rose by sheer genius to be king in everything but name, which achievement should be borne in mind by Occidental critics of Oriental art. For these usually give the bulk of their space to discanting on the different Japanese academies: they tell how, at each, certain tenets were imposed in a manner despotic as that which obtained in ordinary laws, pupils being taught that there was one right way of depicting trees, say, water, or the human form. And, as a rule, this matter is followed by a mere tabulating of the artists themselves, according to the respective styles of workmanship to which they were trained. Now, in Japan, as in every other country where art has reached great heights, its chronicle is essentially one of individualities, not solely of codes or academies.





"The Vine", by Haritsu Ogawa, a painting of great delicacy



There is almost a modernist feeling in Sesshiu's "Winter"



At the Myoshin Temple near Kyoto can be found the famous Peony Screen painted by Yusho Kaihoku





"Philosophers", by Shu-bun. Among Shubun's pupils was Masanobu, renowned for his hieratic paintings

A Landscape screen by Maruyama Okyo, natur-alist, who was accus-tomed to paint directly from his subjects

"Prelates", by Maruyama Okyo. Together with two pupils he decorated the Daijo Temple of Kamaeizan



At Horyuji Temple, near Nara, there is a pleasant little sculpture, Prince Shotoku of Japan as a Child. And, in a document lately found at the temple, a priest has written that "we, wishing to do a deed by virtue of which we may be admitted to Nirvana, cause with the deepest reverence the making of this sculpture." A legend says that, shortly before Shotoku's birth, an angel told his mother that the child was predestined to teach the whole world, the story further holding that the

mother suffered no pain when the prince was born. This reverential way in which he is viewed is indeed only just, for he, if any man, merits the title of the father of Japanese painting. It was in 572 A, D. that he was born, a little prior to which time Buddhism had been brought to Japan by Korean missionaries, and when yet a boy the prince showed himself deeply in love with the beautiful Indian religion. He fought on its behalf against the party seeking to uphold by the sword Japan's pristine faith of Shinto; later he gave both great energies and fine gifts to lecturing and writing on Buddha's teaching; and in eagerness that this should have a worthy temple in Japan, he founded Horyuji.

#### Work at the Temple

Loving art keenly, himself a talented sculptor, and friendly with one of the best Korean painters of his day, Prince Asa Shotoku entered with the utmost zest into personal supervision of decorations at the temple; and some frescoes there, depicting angels and Buddhistic deities, are regarded as the oldest paintings existing in Japan. It has been suggested that the artist, named Cho, was in actuality a Korean. But Shotoku soon had the satisfaction of seeing many of his own compatriots actively painting, which

early group found their subjects exclusively in the pantheon of that faith whose spreading, in Japan, might have been long delayed but for the sculptor-prince.

#### The Chinese Influences

Study of the frescoes at Horyuji does not reveal the exact nature of the paint used, which, presumably, was something akin to tempera, although, for independent pictures, watercolor was always the medium of the Japanese till quite recent times. The early Buddhistic artists naturally took their formulae chiefly from Buddha's own land, and naturally looked for technical enlightenment to China, painting having begun there so much earlier than in Japan. But has not the similarity between Chinese and Japanese art been greatly exaggerated? Some writers actually infer that Japan, as a painter, lacked character of her own, and merely uttered her

neighbor's.

Nevertheless, almost from the first, the Japanese wrought with an elegance, a daintiness, beyond the alchemy of the Middle King-dom school. And, whereas Chinese art is somewhat staid and solemn to the Western mind, Japanese is notably light-hearted, abounding too in humor. Consonantly it often expresses a fondness for the grotesque, which taste is marked in the pictures by Kobo Daishi, who, living at the end of the 9th Century, is famous as the inventor of the syllabic signs with which his fellow-countrymen write today.



"The Han Emperor, Kao Tsung", part of a silk screen ascribed to Tosa Mitsunobu, who died in 1525. Examples of his work are very rare

#### Kose no Kanaoka

Kobo attained great distinction in the clerical profession, but, as painter, he was in no way comparable to Kose no Kanaoka, who was born about 850, and began life as a designer of those pretty landscape - gardens for which Japan is so famous, his avowed aim in work of this kind being ever to attain quite natural effects. Then, his skill with the brush coming under the notice of the Mikado, he was long kept busy with religious pictures for the royal palace, painting some in a bold, simple style, others minutely. But the best of all his extant works is one at Ninwanji Temple, near Kyoto, a memorial

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Wall ornaments may take the shape of molded plaster swags and drops, as in this example of early 18th Century work found at this London residence



A center ceiling decoration of great delicacy found in the Powel House, a Colonial Philadelphia residence



Another of the molded plaster ceiling decorations which are found in the old Powel House at Philadelphia

A cornice detail of the ceiling at "Solitude," home of William Penn, Philadelphia

## PLASTERWORK in MODERN DECORATION

The Various Methods of Plaster Detail for Ceilings and Walls-Designs from the Renaissance to the Present

W. G. WARD

PLASTERWORK may be either a curse or a blessing. It rests with ourselves to decide which it shall be

It is an unmitigated curse when we use it only to create a plain, staring surface, as arid of interest as the Desert of Sahara or when we

fashion ornamental cast devices that suggest the technique of the pastry cook and confectioner, smug, mechanically accurate, mechanically hard, mechanically stupid, without even the grace of occasional irregularity of texture to break the exasperating monotony of its brummagem perfection.

It is a blessing when we employ it intelligently to produce decorative charm of a sort that no other material is capable of in quite the same way.

It is a step in the right direction that we are reproducing for domestic use some of the old English ceilings, but it is only a step and only reproduction.

#### Material Advantages

The material itself is a sympathetic medium and remarkably adaptable to divers modes of expression. Besides that, it is inexpensive and easy of mechanical manipulation. It needs but the addition of artistry to render it again a most valuable adjunct for the fixed decoration of domestic interiors. Such artistry former ages possessed. Such artistry we have allowed to lapse, largely because we have ignored a part of our heritage that is worth while.

Time and conditions are both full ripe for a plaster revival for domestic use. The rough sand-finished plaster wall is a rebellion against the ordinary bald, white plaster surface. The paneled wall and the paneled ceiling alike are protests against desert plaster walls and banal

plaster ceiling ornament. And all the various other wall and ceiling treatments we have sanctioned in the recent past are likewise protests against the same thing. The lesson is clear; people are bored by plaster as they usually know it, and wish to escape. The writer en-

tertains a sincere regard for sand-finished plaster walls, for paneled walls and ceilings, and for most of the other devices for attaining wall and ceiling interest, but he insists that plaster, too, has its place-that is, plaster intelligently used. There is room for them all, in their proper places.

#### The Diversities of Plaster

Besides the ordinary plaster, com-posed of sand, lime and hair, and showing considerable variation in quality, there must also be included, under the general head, stucco-duro-carbonate of lime carefully prepared and often toughened and regulated for setting by the addition of fig juice, curdled milk or some such glutinous size—the medi-um used by the old Roman stuccotori. and by their successors of the Renaissance in Italy, England and France, to such good purpose; plaster of Paris (sulphate of lime); and fibrous plaster, which is plaster of Paris in combination with canvas. The widely varied quali-ties of plaster thus attainable render it a medium sensitive in the highest degree; suitable either for executing de-

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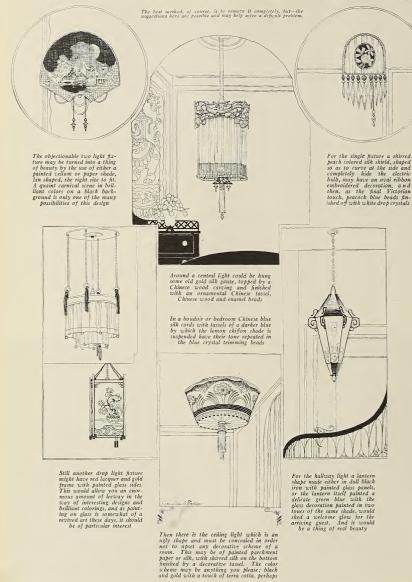
the fireplace sup-ports a brick bracket finished with a plaster ornament that ex-tends around the ceiling. From an English house

A reproduction of English Renais-sance molded plaster ceiling with geometrical ribbing and low re-lief panels. Wil-son Eyre & Mc-Ilvaine, architects





## HIDING THE UNSIGHTLY FIXTURE





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### A LITTLE PORTFOLIO of GOOD INTERIORS

The Little Portfolio this month shows five views in the residence of George Dobyne, Esq., Beeverly Farns, Mass. The architecture of the house is English and this same spirit is reflected in the inter-ors. The opening between the living room and half shows part of a carved grill;

beyond that a hallway grouping of Jacobean chest and an old polychrome and gill Spanish mirror with a background of crimson Italian brocotelle. The English chair is balanced by an iron brazier. The colors are old blue; and rd. Brett, Gray & Hartwell, decorators

House & Garden



The master's bedroom has a low
wainstot and cupboards of paneled
wood painted white.
The rug is tête de
nêgre with a soft
green fringe. On the
bed and at windows
is embroidered linen
with Spanish wool
fringe in soft green.
The William an d
Mary stool is covered with old needlework. Slip covers
are mulberry, green
and blue



A view of one corner of the liting room s ho ws the beautifully carved screen in which are depicted scenes from Fransyon's "Tales of Enid." It is finished in red, green and blue. The rug is tile de nigre and contains are mulberry, green and cuttains are mulberry, green and blue in a characteristic Jacobean design.



In the morning room the color scheme is vellaw and blue. Walls are buil planter stippled with hand-painted borders of birds and flowers. The curtains are of yellow groggrain with blue and yellow fringe. An English chainst all the stipples with the stipples are the color scheme, the color scheme, the color scheme, lending interest to the over-mantel



The breakfast and dining room are, in reality, one big room, their division marked by the heavy beam. In this sunny corner surrounded by plants is set the breakfast table with old rush bottom Italian gare and gilt. Tile floor with inserts in red, green and blue, showing the signs of the Zodiac

## HOW TO HANDLE COLOR IN DECORATION

The Second of Two Articles on What Colors Are and How to Combine Them

#### COSTEN FITZ-GIBBON

A JAZZ band jazzing away full tilt is not a restful thing to listen to. Amusing, for a time, it may be, but no one could wish its cacophony for a steady diet, and after a while it would become unbearable. The reason? We might name several, but one will do to illustrate our point. The jazz wearies because it is essentially restless and represents organized disorganization. It is essentially restless because there is nothing consecutive nor related about it; it is an anarchic jumble of sounds without any particular rhythm or any particular key.

It is precisely the same with color. If we are so timid that we avoid color and stick to dull combinations with perfectly safe and harmless, but likewise perfectly supid and depressing—what someone has rather aptly designated a "symphony of mustard and mud." If, on the other hand, we wish to do something interesting, and are willing to dare a bit, but don't know what we are about, we are in danger of achieving a color jazz, a genuine chromatic catastrophe.

It is plain, then, that to be successful our essays in color composition must achieve harmony, and to achieve harmony we must have regard to scale and key. A piece of

music is written in a certain key. That key— A major, G minor, or whatever it may be has its known tonic, its dominant, and so on. Every note in the scale chosen has its definite relation to every other note and the composition progresses by observance of these laws and relations of musical harmony. Now, it is just as necessary, in dealing with decoration, to have one predominating tone or key color as it is to have a piece of music written in one key. Having established that keynote of color, then we work up to it and build our scheme in a logical way with a definite object in view.

THE adherence to a dominant color or tone in the composition of a room—the preservation of a color key—does not at all imply monotony or dullness of effect. There are plenty of ways of avoiding such things and of introducing relief. To begin with, the room may be composed in a high key or a low key, just as a voice may be pitched in a high or low key, or a piece of music written in a brilliant major scale or a subdued minor scale. Then there may be accents and contrasts. In short, there is no excuse for any color scheme being dull and stupid, no matter how law-abiding its creator may be.

The term "harmony of colors" means that the kinds of colors put together in a combination work well together and don't jangle. This harmony may be arrived at in two ways. Either the colors have so much in common, both in the scale in which they are presented, and also in their actual physical composition, that they will not fall out; or else the colors are in such manner opposed to each other and so lacking in any common quality that each

acts as a foil to set off and emphasize the other. The first is called the harmony of analogy; the second is called harmony by contrast.

Now begin to appear the possibilities of composition by adopting one key or tone of color and sticking to it as a guide in our elaboration. We may, if we choose, take a certain tone of brown as our color keynote. We may vary it by making some things a deeper brown and other things, again, a still deeper brown. Then we may get another touch of variety by employing lighter browns here and there, running the gamut of browns all the

As a nation, we are timid in our use of color, timid probably because we do not know how to manage it. We may be diverted by colorist fads, but in our own homes most of us are too apt to shrink from what we fear is "daring." If we would analyze every color scheme we see—and they are all about us—pick out what is good and what bad, and determine why it attracts or repels, we should gain a store of experience valuable for our own domestic use. Knowing the groundwork and principles, the next thing is for us to cast aside our timidity and get rid of the obsession that schemes, to be polite, should all be grayed and dulled.

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way up to light tan. Behold our "symphony of mustard and mud." Safe, but about as deadly stupid as listening to someone play a tune on the pianoforte with one finger. Such treatment is a thing to avoid.

Again, we may select a keynote of dominant color and, while keeping a preponderant body of it as a foundation, we may enliven the composition by introducing, here and there, bits of related color that we know have affinities for the foundation and qualities in common with it—in other words, we may use as much variety as we choose, and yet have a harmony of analogy. We may be chromatically lawabiding and get a stupid result, or we may be law-abiding and achieve lively interest. Both are equally safe. It is a matter of personal choice.

G OING a step further, we come to accents and contrasts as vivifiers.

A man with clothes of a quiet tan might wear a tie of an orange shade. It would be a bit load, but it would produce accent and liven the sartorial make-up, which would not have been the case if he had worn a tan tie. So a room with a similar dominant tan color would receive accent from an orange bowl full of nasturtiums or, perhaps, an orange screen. Without such accent, a keyed and related room, though harmonious, is apt to be insufferably monotonous and dead.

But the man with a tan suit might better still wear a blue tie. So might the tan room have a blue bowl or some other blue object and, if the shade be right, the blue accent will have more value and variety than the accent of kindred color. This is because blue is the complementary or opposing color of orange and its related hues and each, therefore, gives value and quality to the other. From these examples it is plain that there are two kinds of accent the related accent and the opposing or contrasting accent.

The term accent means the addition of emphasis. It is clear, then, that in the tan room we must not have too much orange or too much blue (either in mass or in a number of scattered objects), or instead of accent we should get only disturbance. It is also obvious that in the tan room we may have more of orange for em-

phasis than we may properly have of blue, for the orange is related while the blue is opposing.

THESE principles still hold if Take for example a bedroom in a country house, furnished with old mahogany, blue and white curtains at the windows, on the floor grayblue rugs, matching in shade the blue of the curtains, the wallpaper a gray white with a small white powdered figure. The orange bowl of nasturtiums would have been the perfection of accent. In this scheme, in addition to the blue and orange, we have two other elements—white and the mahogany tone of the furniture. White is not a color but in the scheme, in the scheme of the furniture.

ture. White is not a color but (theoretically) the combination of all colors and, therefore, neutral, so that it conflicts with none and may be used with all. The mahogany tone is related to the orange and contrasts agreeably with the shade of blue.

To the foregoing composition add a screen, whose dominant color is the same tone of blue but it contains also green leaves and some other colors which, however, occupy less space than the blue and are pleasantly related or contrasted. Our color harmony is still safe. Blue is the dominant or prevailing tone, but it is enlivened by opposing accent and by a moderate proportion of different but related colors. In other words, we have a room composed in a dominant or prevailing color and relieved by both harmony of contrast and harmony of analogy.

This brings us to a point to be closely considered. There are some people, even some decorators, who limit themselves too narrowly by laying out color schemes or "rhythmic notes" composed exclusively of varying shades of one color with, perhaps, only an accent added. Now, a room composed entirely in different shades of one color does not present harmony but monotony. Harmony is agreement between two or more different things, and to have harmony-in color, or music, or anything else-one must first have diversity so that the divers factors may agree. In music one cannot produce harmony by striking one note or its octaves. No more can one have harmony in color by playing successively the light and dark tones of one color.

On the other hand, there are people, some of them decorators, too, ever ready to indulge in a riot of color without a sufficiently large

basis of neutral or, at least, quiet and undisturbed surfaces. In themselves the colors may not conflict but there is no dominant note and there are so many different points of emphasis and "reliefs" that they produce both mental and visual confusion and the reliefs fail to relieve. It is plain that all harmony without relief, and all relief without harmony, are errors equally to be avoided. All of which comes back to what was said at the outset-that it is necessary to have one predominating tone or key color upon which to add the accents and the relieving harmonies. The predominating ground, or foundation color acts as a foil for the accents and relieving harmonies, but to do so it must predominate and have enough undisturbed, unbroken expanses to give stability and to intensify the accents and reliefs,

THE individual colors are the tools we have to work with in carrying out our schemes. We must, therefore, consider their peculiar individual properties and their effects upon each

Black, strictly speaking, is not a color at all, but the absence of color. When black is juxtaposed to a color, it lessens the effect of that color, renders it less brilliant, or lowers its tone. If blue, for example, is lowered in tone and removed to another scale by putting black next it, the same amount of black must be added to its complement, orange, in order to give a true contrasting harmony, both the primary and its complement being thus kept in the same relation by simultaneous removal to a lower scale. Although the two colors, just noted by way of example, were kept in the same relation to each other by exposure to an equal amount of black, it is not, however, advisable to employ black with one luminous or advancing color and one sombre or receding color, for the latter will be almost wholly nullified. The receding quality inherent in the color itself plus the modifying effect of the black produce a doubly negative result. With luminous or advancing colors, black can always be employed to advantage and adds both emphasis and refinement. A high-keved polychrome decoration, for instance, will look well on a black ground; on a white ground the same decoration would be insufferably garish.

White heightens or intensifies the tone of colors placed upon or beside it, just as black, similarly used, has a subduing effect. With white, also, one may quite safely use both luminous and sombre colors at the same time in close proximity without the receding color or colors suffering any diminution of value. White tends to increase apparent size, and white woodwork materially aids in giving an aspect of space to rooms in which it is used. Dark woodwork, on the contrary, tends to reduce apparent size. White has also a relieving quality. It should be remembered, especially in dealing with large surfaces, that white has great reflective quality and that the shadows on a white surface are not white but reflect varying degrees of color while the high lights alone are truly white.

RAY is a term susceptible of several ap-GRAY is a term susception.

It is more accurate, therefore, to speak of the grays.

In the first place, gray is a tone midway be-tween black and white. It is a cold tone and in its effect may be regarded as half way between the effects of black and white.

In the second place-and this is much the more common-there is the normal gray resulting from a fusion of equal powers of the three primary colors, yellow, red and blue, or from a fusion of equal powers of two complementary colors-red and green, for instance, or blue and orange-which is, of course, virtually the same thing. By the preponderance of a little more of one element, therefore, are naturally derived cool grays and warm grays. Thus, for example, we have blue grays or greenish grays, pink grays or yellow grays.

These grays are pre-eminently useful as backgrounds and generally possess a receding or else a neutral quality which renders them valuable as foils to throw other colors into relief, or as harmonizers to blend other factors and neutralize too insistent qualities, unless there be an excess of one of the warm color elements so marked as to make the resulting gray an actively warm tone. Such grays, if there be not a great excess of any one element as just indicated, assume a tint complementary to the adjacent color. For example, gray beside red appears faintly greenish or gray beside blue has a faint orange tinge.

Tones of gray along with soft colorings almost invariably make safe combinations. The grays, however, are too inert and non-committal to be left entirely to themselves. They need "accents" and "reliefs" to get the best effects of which they are capable. To illustrate, the cream gray of linen furniture covering in summer has a cool, refreshing aspect, but the whole effect of the room is vastly improved if a few spots of accentuated color relief are visible. Again, yellow or rose with gray make the combination sing without being loud or dissonant, Still again, a room with gray walls and mulberry hangings gives a combination of great depth and refinement. In using grays, one must, of course, be careful to discriminate between the different kinds.

F the raw, unmodified primary colors in immediate juxtaposition, yellow and blue alone do not create a combination bizarre and often painful to the eye. Used in judicious proportions, they may produce a harmony of contrast that is pleasing. Red and blue so used are unpleasant; red and yellow are even

Yellow and its derivatives in which vellow emphatically preponderates make for light, life (Continued on page 52)

#### THE HOUSE PRETTY-FULL

- I've never owned a gilded hall; No palace e'er by me was builded. My house is white, and very small; I don't think I should like it gilded.
- And in my house, my children four, My wife, and cook—at present, Finnish, Completely fill the second floor; Thank goodness, I am fairly thinnish.
- Wherefore, we draw, from year to year, Crude plans in friendly competition, Which show an added using, out here Or there,—to better our condition.
- My Lucy claims the East is best; The rooms would be so bright and sunny, While I, with Greeley, say "Go West", Which she declares is "being funny".
- Alas, how idle all our talks, How vain the neatly drawn perspective! A dreadful hoodoo ever stalks Our steps, like some ill-bred detective.



- And when we're ready to begin In, say an easterly direction, This pest insists on butting in To voice some odious objection.
- "Have you considered, Mr. C., The guestion of young George's schooling? Your scheme is charming, I can see, But come, this is no time for fooling."



- Once more the cherished hope is killed, The plans go back to dusty durance, For some one else, perchance, to build Assisted by my life insurance.
- Then I, among the seraphim Will hover o'er the excavation, And flap, with all my heavenly vim, Two wings, on my south elevation.

GEORGE S. CHAPPELL.

### COOKING WITH RETAINED HEAT

A Clear Explanation of the Purposes and
Use af the Fireless Cooker

EVA NAGEL WOLF

If thrift will produce such cooks as the French, certainly the Americans can hope, because of the war, to compete with their cousins over seas. It has been our days, to vie with one another in matters of economy. Rich and poor allike have used every possible means to accomplish the desired results. And that which was done for the sake of peace, with such remarkable results, has come to stay—with peace.

#### The Saving

It is amazing how much we saved! Every woman has had her turn in the kitchen. In the days when servants were not to be had, the mistress donned a business-like apron, rolled up her dainty sleeves and assumed charge. She worked systematically, she used every labor saver, time saver and money saver. She found that among other things she could cut her gas bill by the use of the fireless cooker. So the fireless

cooker has become a kitchen necessity. It will be used henceforth by Bridget when she condescends to leave the munition factory or the trolleys to return to the kitchen.

But when she does return she will find that Madame, among other things, will initiate her in the uses of "that quar little box" that cooks with no visible fire. Bridget will be amazed to find that not only will it cook, but that it will cook the biscuits, the vegetables, the roast and the dessert at one and the same time and that all will be ready to serve with no attention from her after once they are shut up in the box.

#### Modern Cookers

The modern fireless cooker must not suffer from the faults of the



The small electric fireless cooker here shows the racks and the heavy door and walls with which the heat is retained



A time clock and automatic heat adjuster is a necessary accessory for the fireless cooker. The electricity is turned off when the required heat is reached. Courtesy of the Edison Company

old-fashioned one. No longer is food allowed to remain in the cooker after it has been thoroughly cooked. The method of cooking in the modern cooker differs from that of the old one. Formerly all food had to be cooked in liquids. The temperature was always below the boiling point, hence the quantity of liquid depended upon the length of the cooking process. A greater quantity of liquid was required for a lengthened cooking period.

cooking period.

The construction differs also from that of the modern one. They could be made with a tighter seal, consequently the food remained at a higher temperature for a greater length of time than in the modern invention. However, the modern cooker is safer and more sanitary than the other. It can, when heated, radiate a temperature equal to that of any range oven, therefore must be constructed so that any

danger of an explosion from
compressed steam
cannot occur. The
steam escapes by
means of safety valves
in the outside covers.
Another arrangement
entirely different but
quite as effective is
the plunger-like cover
of other cookers to
allow the steam to
pass off.

#### Cylinder Construction

Another important part of the construction of the fireless cooker is the cylinder. The most expensive are seamless, the less expensive have one seam. If there is the slightest opening or gap in this seam the cooker is practically worthless. To prevent any escape of steam the wise cook keeps this seam thoroughly rubbed with olive oil or any saltless grease. Aluminum is chosen for forming the cylinder (Continued on p. 54)

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# FOUR HALLWAY GROUPINGS

Three are of priced articles that can be purchased through the House & Garden Shopping Service. The fourth is a suggestion for an arrangement



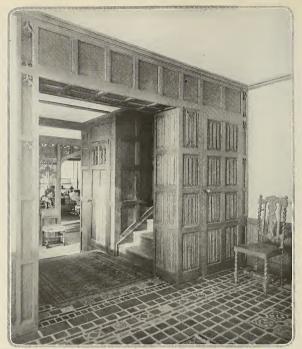
Against an Italian rough cast plaster wall has been set an old English coffee table in oak, \$65, a grapevine polychrome mirror, \$65, and Italian table lanterns of parchment and iron, \$40

A third group shows a reproduction of an old Dutch fruit and flower panel, \$75; Italian walnut chairs, \$30; iron table with walnut top, and Italian compotes in silver, \$65 the pair

A group for a narrow hall comprises a beveled cut English mirror, reproductions of antique Italian lanterns, \$60; and an Italian commode used as Victrola cabinet, \$138

For a spacious hallway a group such as the one below is advisable—Jacobean sideboard backed by tapestry and flanked by Italian chairs. Silver candlesticks and bowl give color



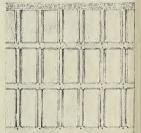




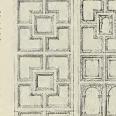
A modern form of linen fold paneling is used in this hallway and closet door. The name describes the source of the design, being a conventionalized series of parallel folds in which linen naturally falls. Brett, Gray & Hartwell, decorators

# THE PANELINGS AT A GLANCE

Drawings by
DAYTON COLIE



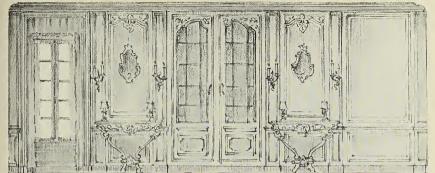
A French Gothic design, from the Museum of the Arts Decoratives at Paris. It is a portion of an impressive screen from the Church of Villeneuve

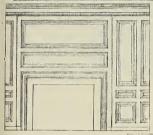




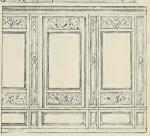
Portion of carly paneling from the Stranger's House at Norwich, England. The rails run through, with stiles the length of each panel butted against it

Of the two here, the left is an example of 16th Century English paneling from Broughton Castle; the right, a Jacobean example from Jesus College, Oxford An example from Haddon Hall, of the time of Henry VIII, shows the later development of panel arrangement with characteristic carving introduced

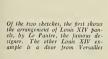




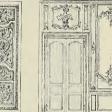
A modern adaptation of Louis XV. There have been used Louis XV panel heads and a built-in china closet showing Louis XV Provence spirit. The room shows how a period effect can be obtained by a small amount of carving. Francis A. Nelson, architect



Great dignity and simplicity characterize the paneling of our American Colonial period. This example from the House of Seven Gables shows the fireplace arrangement of panels

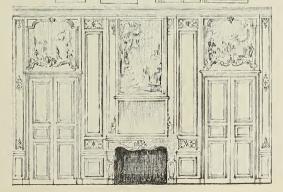






A Louis XVI example from the Chateau of Versailles shows the typical simplicity of its architectural form and the symmetrical placing and character of the ornaments

The use of paneling for an overdoor is shown in this example of Louis XV work. It is a typical section of a paneled wall of that interesting period in decorative work



The Régence is represented in this section of a paneled sulon. It is a very restrained example of the period and is principally characterized as to style by the large surfaces given up to painted decortion in the over-doors and also in the panel above the mantel over the mirror

## HOW MUCH SHALL YOU PLANT?

Determining the Garden Space Required to Grow Vegetables for a Family of Five-Definite Figures on Seeds Sown and Crops Harvested

WILLIAM C. McCOLLOM

SOME idea of the productive value of the vegetables we intend to grow is essential if we are to expect a well balanced garden. We know that if we plant one cabbage seed and it matures we will have but one head of cabbage; but if we plant one seed of a pea, how many pods will the vine bear and how

erning the growth are factors in production, but good ground will not make two heads of cabbage form from one seed. The head will be larger and in every way superior if the soil is right, but it will still be one head. That is why it is rather easy to form a good idea of the

many peas will be in a pod? The conditions gov-

A special space reservation in the garden for pumpkins and squash is not necessary. A few sown in the hills along with the corn will produce all you will need. These vegetables will keep until late winter without canning

productive value of the various garden crops. The Productive Value of Different Vegetables

You will find that practically all vegetables which produce themselves in one season and of which the seed pods contain the edible portion produce much more freely than other types. These we will call the embryo type of vegetation, where the reproductive organisms are esteemed for their food value. You will also discover that the embryo types are a much better standard of food, containing considerably more nutritive value than those vegetables that require two seasons to reproduce themselves. This may be only an incident, but it is a curious one as it follows right through the vegetable kingdom.

The embryo class of garden crops includes peas, beans, corn, okra, tomato, egg-plant, peppers, pumpkin, squash, melons, cucumbers, etc. The true type of embryo vegetation is found in the grain crops, which are all noted for their food value.

Nearly all vegetables that require two seasons to reproduce grow beneath the ground, such as turnips, kohlrabi, beets, carrots, pars-

nip, onion, radish, etc. Those that grow above ground are cabbage, cauli-flower, kale, celery, etc.

Last month we discussed the productive value of potatoes and beans, basing our calculations on a family of five. We will continue on the same basisin other words, the quantities will be gauged to meet the needs of a family of five persons.

A row of carrots 50' long will require about



Corn for canning must not be old. Strip-ping the ear will determine its condition



A 50' row of peas like these will yield about thirty - six pints when shelled



one-quarter ounce of seed. This calculation is based on sowing moderately thick with the idea of thinning out when the plants are large enough to handle. The row should produce about 600 carrots. If used at the proper stage of growth, when they are young and full of their good qualities and not when old and coarse, it will take thirty to fill a pint jar. This quantity might also be considered sufficient for a meal. Therefore, one row of carrots should yield twenty meals or that many jars for the pantry shelf. The number of rows you must sow depends entirely upon how fond you are of carrots; for a perfect

succession not less than four sowings will be necessary. If you cannot use four rows, make four sowings of a half row each time.

Beets are very similar to carrots; in fact, they should be treated as companion crops. A row of 50' will require one-half ounce of seed and should produce about 400 to 500 beets of the proper size for table use. Eighteen beets of this size will fill a pint jar, so one row will give twenty-five pint jars for next winter's use, or that number of meals if used fresh.

#### Peas, Corn and Beans

To me it always seemed a misdemeanor to call peas vegetables; surely they come from different social stock than cabbages or kale, But we are not revolutionists, so we will class them as others do. At all events, one pint of seed will sow 100' of single drill or half that distance of double drill. There is no denying the fact that our best peas require supporting, and it is just as easy to stake a double row as a single one. It is therefore better practice to sow in double rows.

A good vine of peas should carry at least ten pods, and twelve or fourteen are quite

common; the pod of real quality peas must contain not less than ten seeds. On this basis a row 50' long will produce a little more than two bushels of pods yielding thirty-six pints when shelled. This data is based on the large wrinkled varieties; the roundseeded types are more prolific, but are inferior in quality, and there is no reason for growing them in home gardens. The number of rows to be sown



Always keep the tomatoes picked clean. Whatever surplus there may be can be canned. Garden costume by Best

is purely a matter for individual adjustment, but you should surely have not less than four for spring and two for fall. If you have the necessary space, by all means make additional sowings, as good peas are never wasted.

It takes twelve ears of corn to fill a pint jar when scraped from the cob. I don't believe that twelve ears would be considered too many for a meal for the five members of our hypothetical family—if I were one-fifth of that family I could answer "no," very definitely! A row of 50' in drills should produce ninety ears, including the nubbins, or about seven or eight jars to the row. Our family of five is certainly going to have six rows, for which purpose we will need one pint of seed. Whether sown in hills or drills, the productive value is the same.

Lima beans are one of the real delicacies of

the home garden. Few

vegetables dry out and lose their good qualities as quickly as the lima. That is why you must have your own garden to know what a real lima is like. Pole beans are better producers than the bush types, but it is not always possible to get the poles, so our bush type fills a little niche in the hall of necessity. It takes three quarts of pods to shell out one pint of young beans of the kind that are tender and succu-lent. One hill should produce during the season from fifteen to eighteen quarts of pods. or five pints of shelled beans; twenty poles will allow us fifty pint cans for winter and the same quantity for use during the summer. Fifty feet



The ideal type of beet for table use or canning is the round variety. Beets should never be allowed to get old

of drill of the bush lima should yield about half that quantity. One pint of seed will be sufficient for 50' of drill or twenty hills of the larger seeded type of pole beans.

#### Spinach and Eight Others

Spinach is a very hard crop for which to determine quantities. There should be some baling device for pressing it into shape so you could tell somewhere near what your yield was. You can cut a washtub full, cook it, and if there is company for dinner there will be so little that you'll be ashamed to put it on the table. From two large, heaping baskets, well packed, I had just six pint cans; a row 50' long gave me six cans. Six rows in spring and four in the fall will give a goodly supply.

Swiss chard is much coarser than spinach and does not shrink so much in the cooking; besides, you have the advantage of continuous growth throughout the summer. From a row of 20' we have canned eighteen jars and had all we cared for on the table; in addition to



Swiss chard stalks, as well the leaves, are worth canning. This vegetable is very prolific—a 20' row will be ample

this, six cans of the stems were put up for winter use. This season my row of Swiss chard is to be only 15′, as I found that we could not possibly use all that the 20′ of drill produced.

Tomatoes are canned in so many different ways that it is a hard matter to gauge accurately the space required to produce a given amount when put up. When preserved whole it takes less than one-third the quantity to fill a can than when cooked. However, from two rows, each 50' long—that is, thirty-two plants, sixteen to a row—we had all the fruit we could use for salads and cooking and put away thirty-two cans for winter use. It is of course understood that the canning was not all done at one time; when enough fruit was ripe to warrant canning the preserving kettle was brought forth and the jars put away for the winter.

Squash and pumpkins were not put up in

cans, as with any reasonable care they may be kept until late winter. It seems like wasting materials to preserve them. Dehydrating is unquestionably the proper system to employ for the preserving of bulky vegetables of this type.

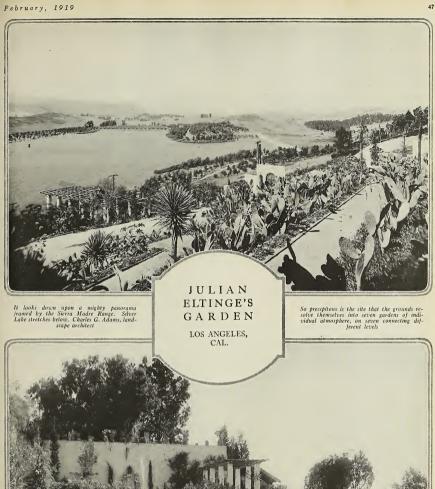
Cucumbers we have always planted sparingly. Where I live there are not many doctors, and the stomachaches are both expensive and painful. But if you like them (cucumbers, not stomachaches), I would suggest leaving room for six hills, planting them three times—two hills at each sowing. If you keep the vines sprayed about every fortnight

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The intermediate length carrot is the best for general use, whether on the table or preserved. For a number of reasons this is the proper size for canning. Scraping and cutting of the tops and rootlets are necessary preliminaries





# THE RESIDENCE OF FRANCIS A. NELSON,

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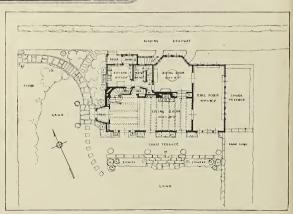
The house lies among the woods on sloping ground below the level of the road, with a fine view from northeast to south, a view commanded by the broad brick terrace and the rows of French doors opening out upon it

Tebbs

On the exterior hand-hewn cypress shingles are used, stained with old Virginia white. The lines of the building and woodwork are simple and farmhouse in character, the only attempt at ornamentation being the fan panels over the doors

A master's suite occupies one end of the house, with a large size sitting room adjacent. Three other bedrooms and two baths are provided. The third floor has accommodations for servants and storage. Ample closet space is provided





The living room is paneled on two sides with bookcases set in. This is painted soft gray, The ceiling is hand-hew limbers and rough plaster. French doors open on the terrace. At the end is an enclosed porch, with dining room and service quarters beyond

# SEEN IN THE SHOPS FOR THE HOSTESS



A correctly set luncheon table shows the use of the objects on this page. Venetian glass compote, \$12. Silverware is plated and of good design



French crystal glass comes at \$16.50 a dozen for grapefruit, water goblets \$6, and white wines at \$5.35 a dozen



Sterling silver candlesticks (center) 10" high, \$18 a pair. Salt and pepper pots, 6" high, in Sheffield silver, \$11. Salt urns in Sheffield, \$14 a pair



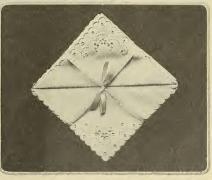
Ming design service plate in natural colors, used at the White House, is of American china. Blue border. \$25 a dozen. Luncheon plates, \$22







A very useful and inexpensive Madeira luncheon set with a 24" centerpiece as shown here, six plate doilies and six glass doilies, comes complete at \$8.50



The luncheon napkins may be of Madeira embroidery on white linen. These, which are of excellent design and material, are to be had at \$7.50 a dozen.

#### February

#### THE GARDENER'S CALENDAR

#### Second Month

SATURDAY

1. Better get out the sashes for the hotbed and cold-frame, and yet the sashes for the saskes fo



be trimmed this worth, before the sap rises



SUNDAY



9. Deciduous trees and
shrubs also require pruning
to keep them
in good health.
Early flowering su h je etsulte or phreas
ar e be st
pruned after
they have finished flowering
along in the
spring.



fruits around the garden?



Why not some rast-

Late this month sow sweet peas un-der glass for later garden effects

TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY MONDAY FRIDAY

This calendar of the gardener's labors is aimed as a reminder for undertaking all his tasks in season. It is fitted be available for the whole country if it became about the available for the whole country if it became that for every one hundred mile north or south there is a difference of from five to seven days later or earlier in performing garden operations. The dates given are, of course, for an average season.

5. Have
you ordered
your supply of
seeds They
should be not
hand now. An
hold bread tin
makes a good
mouse - proof
storage for
them. Don't
let the seeds
get damp—a
cool, dry place
is the ideal
storage.













20. Nogarden is complete without some well selected and properly are nurrelied in the selection of the completeness of the scheme. Make your selection and order now.

27. All dormant trees and shrubs that are subject to the attacks of San Jose s cale should be sometime to the solution of the

6. Summer flowering bulbs such as cannas, giadioni, dahitas, caladium, etc., should be fooked by the fooked by the

7. Have you progressed any further than your mind with that rose garden you had er to gall these years? Each year that you postpone establishing it me ans that you are losing just that much pleasure.

14. It is much easier to overhaul your lawn mo wer now in the garnge than it will be most a factor of the second o

21. Stock plants of all kinds of bed-ding subjects should now be started into active growth so that the necess of cuttings with the ready for taking when the proper time for them comes in the spring.





15. Start to prepare your hothed now. At least 12 inches of good hot ms nure will be necessary to the first from the first fro

- Harry Kemp.

THE first clear day we've had in a week—it's mound pretty near all the time since last Wednesday—an't this mornin'! Arise time wood sided we on the mounting for a lead o' logs. By jing, it was green—all blue are it is a long to be a long of the property of the long of t

wounds, etc., is es-sential to the health of trees



when preparing the seed box or flat, use plenty of drainage material such as oyster shells or broken crocks



When they have made their first true leaf the young plants should be transplanted, set-ting them about 2" apart



When the forcing bulbs have fully developed in the greenhouse they should be moved to a cool, dark place

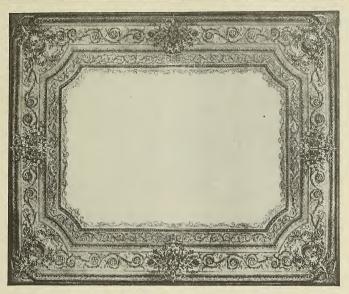


The stakes and poles for tomatoes, and beans may be



Currants and gooseberries may be sprayed now for scale, etc.

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#### How Much Shall You Plant?

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with Bordeaux mixture to prevent the to make certain that they are of the of cramps that any family of five ought to battle with.

to battle with. Who was it said "From the sublime to the ridiculous" — recurembers to melons, for that matter. Anyway, melons of quality do not belong anywhere near cucumbers; they don't speak the same language. You cannot can them for winter, simply because you couldn't grow enough for this purpose; but you was the programment of the purpose; but you was the purpose the can make provision now for about eight hills, and a little later we will tell you secrets of growing good ones,

Peppers and egg-plants are so pro-ductive that a few plants of each are all that is required. The exception to this might be where one is very fond of green pickles of various kinds, for which the peppers are used generously. How-ever, not more than twelve plants will yield all the peppers required for a fam-ily of five.

Selecting Types for Canning or Table

There are very few types of vegetables compared to the many thousand varieties that the ambitious seedsmen varieties that the ambitious seedsmen list. The average seed catalog would make you believe that the salt in the ocean and the North Pole are both in-ventions of theirs. It tells you what a wonderful creation the kohl-rabi was, a cross between a cabbage and a turnip (who couldn't guess that it originated in Germany?)

Generally speaking, a good table vegetable is also the proper type for canning, so the first consideration is to select types that are best suited for your purpose. The common error in the gathering of all kinds of vegetables is that they are not used when young and tender, but are allowed to get some-what coarse and woody. The cause of this is usually sowing in too large quantities; the secret of good gardening, if there be any, is frequent sowing in usable quantities.

Do you prefer a long beet or a round a long, intermediate or a stump rooted carrot; a wrinkled or smooth pea; a bush or a pole lima; a yellow or green podded bush bean? These adjectives refer to the different types and not to varieties. Many varieties are the result of a clever fancy, but types are not. Study the new varieties carefully

to make certain that they are of the types that you prefer; and when select-ing the varieties for your home garden keep that one motto, "quality," before you all the time.

Quantity Versus Quality

The commercial grower must always have a full crop, or better, to succeed; the productive value of the various va-rieties is his chief concern. He must always judge the merits of a variety by always judge the merits of a variety by its productiveness. Furthermore, the best varieties are poor shippers; or in other words, a line quality vegetable deteriorates more rapidly than a poorer grade. The seedsman is compelled to list these sorts along with the real qual-ity varieties, so the task for the home gardener is to select these latter from gardener is to select these latter from among the rest. This is much easier than it would seem if you select varie-ties that are mentioned only for their quality. Don't pay any attention to others that are said to be equally good and more productive; these varieties have merit for the farmer, but the best for you are the varieties that the seedsman uses as a basis of comparison for others. Their quality is unsurpassed

others. Their quantity is unsurpassed and their quantity sufficient.
When a successful salesman enter-tains his guest, he picks up the men-urum his finger down to the best and most expensive dish, and then says. "For two." That is the spirit to apply "For two." That is the spirit to apply to the home garden. One good dish of peas is worth ten ordinary ones; one quart of luscious strawberries is worth quart of histous strawberries is worth a whole patch of hard, inferior varie-ties. Start out with the intention of having a 100% quality garden, in selec-tion as well as planting and care.

Ordering for Each Individual

I firmly believe that the proper sys-tem of gardening is the budget system. Make a careful survey of your needs and then order to meet them. The value of this is that you have a pre-arranged plan that you will strive hard to live up to. Where the supplies are secured as occasion demands there are too many openings for delayed sowings or other neglected detail. You know the size of your garden, so you should know how many rows of various things you can sow and what quantity will be required for a seeding,

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#### How to Handle Color in Decoration

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and cheerfulness, especially where there is little sunlight. Where there is abunist, and even divers shades of red will dant sunlight, the quieter shades of yel- agree better than a variety of blues low may be safely used. Quietness need which are apt to be quarrelsome unless never mean dullness. If one wishes to use quiet shades of yellow, there is no objection to quietness if the combina-tion has life, that is, enough of yellow or of orange in its composition to avoid

Red and its derivatives in which red strongly predominates make for strength, vigor, vitality and warmth. It and its near relatives are most useful in decoration, but, owing to its great activity and power, care must be exercised in the amount used or in the modifications adopted, else it will dominate every-thing else and upset the balance. Blue and its derivatives in which blue

is the dominant element, such as blue is the dominant element, such as blue greens or very blue violets make for coolness, stability, poise and elegance. Blue is a difficult color to use in quan-tity and with divers shades. It is a highly sensitive color and it is hard to get different shades to "go together".

ist, and even divers shades of red will agree better than a variety of blues which are apt to be quarrelsome unless which are apt to be quarressome tuness tactfully handled. Heed to this warn-ing may save the reader much vexation. Blue also is cold and demands relief. The properties and uses of the sec-ondary colors may readily be gauged by

considering the nature and properties of their components. So also may we gauge the tertiary and quarternary colors. It is necessary, however, to add this practical caution regarding greenwhile a thoroughly wholesome and rest-ful color, it universally needs relief. An all green room would be well nigh un-endurable; its sedative effect would grow benumbing.

If it be vitally necessary to have the

If it be vitally necessary to have the right color in the right place, it is no less vitally necessary to successful furnishing, as the reader has probably surmised by this time, to have the right amount of the right color in the right place. That is to say, there must be (Continued on page 54)

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proportion and balance in the composi-tion. In this connection, the advancing music, as the senses are stunned by a colors and strong colors in a high key continuous fortissimo blaring of brass, course and strong conters in a nign key continuous tortissimo blating oil brisas, in general may be likened to seasoning so a continuous color fortissimo begets in food. Their function is to give zest, weariness and discomfort. Keep the activition them compositions would be center for their legitimate use as accents that and dull, but an excess will cloy, and reliefs; use enough and freely, but Personal inclination must determine how don't waste your toromatic ammunition. highly we like our color schemes sea- It will surely lose its effect if you do.

#### Cooking with Retained Heat

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as it is the only metal which will not rust when constantly exposed to steam.

The Radiators and Heat Required

Next in importance, in the make up of the cookers, are the radiators. kinds are on the market, soapstone and metal radiators. Each serves a special purpose and the housewife who can purpose and the housewife who can afford it has a set of each, that is, if she uses the fireless cooker a great deal. The metal radiators which heat quick-est hold baking heat for one and a half hours, while the soapstones, splendid for slow cooking, hold the baking heat

for slow cooking, hold the baking heat in the cooker for nearly three hours. For the best results certain processes require a definite quantity of heat. It would be difficult to estimate when the radiators are sufficiently heated without a thermometer. Fireless cooker thermometers are made to stand on the radiators while they are heating. The following temperatures are authorized. following temperatures are authorita-tive and, no matter what medium is used to heat the radiators—coal, wood, gas, oil, electricity or alcohol-the radiators should be heated till the right tem-perature is obtained, to get perfect re-

Roast meats-Heat radiator 600° F. Baked beans or casserole dishes—Heat radiator 400° F. Cakes—Heat radiator 375° F.

Pies-Heat radiator 450° F Biscuits—Heat radiator 450° F.
It must be understood that all fireless

cooking is performed by retained heat

Cooking is performed by retained near Unlike any other process the cooker does not generate heat. Food should not be placed too near the radiators or it will be burned be-fore it is cooked. Racks are used be-tween radiator and utensil holding food. When food does not fill the compart-ment it is well to have a utensil filled with boiling water to fill the remaining

space. Most cooks use the radiators too con-stantly. They should be reserved for roasting or baking only, as the boiling temperature which remains for over an hour destroys flavor. In cooking cereals the long, slow cooking process pre-serves the flavor which is destroyed by the quicker method.

#### Removing Food

As necessary as it is to remove food from a range oven when it is cooked just so soon should it be removed from just so soon should it be removed from a fireless cooker. Otherwise the steam condenses and the moisture is absorbed by both food and radiators. When that happens the radiators are no long-er useful and the food is unpalatable.

After each cooking process is over, the radiators should be carefully cleaned and dried and the cooker wells should

be thoroughly aired When the cook fails to get good re-sults from the fireless cooker, it can be depended upon that she has failed to follow the rules. As stated before, food should be removed from the cooker when cooked. A roast should be taken from the cooker when it has remained from the cooker when it has remained the required number of minutes to the pound to produce, as in any other oven, a rare or a well done roast. When roasting or baking, a heated radiator is placed below the roast and one above it. The utensil containing roast is placed on a rack and the radiator above is used as a cover to the pan or is placed on a rack that fits inside the pan.

For boiling only one heated radiator

is used and that is placed at the bottom, but it must be remembered that the best results are obtained with no radiator

results are obtained with no fathaton and a longer time. The wise cook will carefully note the rules that govern her particular cooker. The fireless cooker for a family of two, if the entire meal is to be cooked, should if the entire meal is to be cooked, should be a two compartment size of eight-quart capacity. If it is to be used as an accessory only, a single compartment will be sufficient. For serving more than four persons, select a three compartment size of eight-quart capacity.

#### Computing the Gas

When computing the quantity of gas

heat the oven before the roast is put in a range oven are added to the fif-teen minutes for each of the five pounds of the roast, we will have just one hour and twenty-five minutes compared with and twenty-five minutes compared with the twenty minutes necessary to heat the radiator which will cook the roast in the same length of time. This makes in favor of the irreless cooker. To hold a brief for the range oven, other things could also be cooked in it at the same time. However, for the single baking and for the single loaf of cake or pan or bescules and the long, slow process of er userul and the food is unpatatable. of Discuits and the long, slow process of It is then that a disagreeable odor emahates from the radiators and permeates is nothing that can take the place of the food that is afterward cooked in the fireless cooker. In the summer espechally its uses are indispensable,





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#### The Story of Japanese Painting

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"Kwannon, Goddess of Compassion", by Den-sho, the Japanese Fra Angelico

portrait of Shotoku. Delicate pinks and rich greens, flecked here and there with arabesques of gold, the color-har-mony charming as ever Whistler compassed, the general effect having a stateliness which neither Rubens nor Van Dyck often surpassed - such is this masterpiece, one of the greatest things in the whole art of the Far East.

## Toba Sojo and Those After Him

So princely a painter as Kanaoka necessarily proved a great stimuus to aspiration with Japanese artists, the next strong individuality among whom was

next strong whom was to a sho, the Japanese to the Mangelico of the Indian Solo, a bishop, Angelico of the Indian Stream, or forest, or mountain proposed the Indian Stream, or forest, or mountain proposed to the Indian Stream, or forest, or like Indian Stream, or like Indian St primarily a humorst, figuring the dra-matis personae of contemporaneous po-litical events in the guise of rabbits, or foxes, or frogs; and though, as a rule, jokes seem rather stale when even a hundred years old, Toba's are as de-lightfully fresh still as if they had been made only yesterday.

The output of humorous cartoons,

concerned with politics or with the life of ordinary people, increased at great speed immediately subsequent to Toba's speed immediately subsequent to Toba's time, and his name came to be the generic term for such works, a specially brilliant adept in this field being Gaki Zoshi, whose somewhat sardonic wit recalls Goya.

Coevally there was founded the prac Coevally there was founded the practice of painting scenes in bygone history, in which sort of art a rare master was Hato no Munezane, whose chef droewer illustrates the deeds of Shotoku; while in 1352 was born Cho Densu, master alike of portratiure and landscape, also a fine painter of religious contractives to contractive the contractive to the words his handscape, also a fine painter of rengous pictures. As portraitist he showed him-self as shrewd a critic of human char-acter as Hogarth or Holbein, while sometimes he would vitalize the human form as strongly as Rodin or Hals. It is told that the Shogun, conceiving an enthusiastic interest in Densu's art, told him to name the greatest wish of his life, the painter at once exclaiming: "Sire, one thing alone do I long for, the "Sire, one thing alone do I long for, the passing of a law, forbidding people to picnic in the grounds of the Tofukuji Temple, Kyoto, where I live and work, for such visitors always spoil the beauty of the scene by leaving refuse behind them."

#### Shogun Patronage

The term "Shogun" may be cryptic to some readers. So it behooves me to explain that, from Toba Sojo's time on-wards till the Revolution of 1868, the Mikados never had any real power, although they were regarded as divine, the government being controlled by the Shogunate, which office was hereditary in various noble houses in succession.

Shortly before Densu's Shortly before Densu's day, it was acquired by the Ashikaga family, nearly all the Shoguns of which line were sinof which line were sin-gularly artistic, several of them being them-selves gifted amateur painters. It was during their regime that fine landscape - painting came to be widely practised in Japan. It would have been

strange, in deed, had Japan not had great landscapists, for, Densu's complaint the picnic parties not-withstanding, there is perhaps no country where the love of natural beauty is so wide-ly evident as there. Even the humblest.

#### Shubun's Followers

Among Shubun's pupils was Masa-nobu; among his friends Soami; the former being renowned for his hieratic paintings besides his landscapes, while Soami was poet as well as landscapist, famous for his erudition in old pic-tures, and, like Kanaoka, a celebrated designer of gardens.

It was in Soami's studio that Sesshiu

It was in Soam's studio that Sesshiu began work, this master being also a poet and scholar, devoted to playing the flute, sadly fond of drink although he belonged to the priesthood. Having finished his studies with Soami, he set off for China, in search of a teacher who would further improve his skill. His pictures being heard of by the Chinese Emperor, he was invited to the court, the suggestion being made there that he should give an impromptu disthat he should give an impromptu dis-play, whereupon he called for a broom, with which he drew an enormous dra-gon, its vitality delighting the whole a-semblage. "But I can find none in all China who can teach me anything!" exclaimed the artist proudly, which boast is easily pardoned, considering the loveliness of Sesshiu's art. He is the Crost of Japan, his concern as landscapit cheing usually with the more painter he has been susually with the more painter he has been susually with the more

pensive moods of nature; while as bird-painter he has few, if any, rivals.

During the time of his activity there came on the scene Tosa Mitsunobu, adept in many styles, fostering his genius by keen study of various foreign schools, to-day busy with portraiture, the next with history, and commonly giving his historical incidents exquisite giving his historical inclients exquisite landscape backgrounds. Deservedly he won the ardent patronage of the Mikado, at once an official honor and a recognition of his talent.



"The Carnival of Flowers", an amusing caricature by Toba Sojo, the 11th Century artist



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ply its ideas to your own home.

The outdoor window-box should and can be a year-round adornment of the house in either city or country. As to its warm-weather planting, I shall not its warm-weather planting, I shall not speak here, for that is a separate sub-ject and untimely in cold weather. Let the winter box alone concern us now, the box planted with hardy little ever-greens whose thrifty color and sturdy forms defy the lowest temperatures and heaviest snows. Whether viewed from within or without, the window well planted with evergreens finds its attrac-tiveness increased a hundredfold.

#### The Type of Box

Generally speaking, the evergreen window-box need not be different from the one for summer flowers and vines, so long as it is substantially built and able to withstand the hardships of severe weather. It is well to remember, how-ever, that the matter of architectural and color harmony with the exterior of the house is of special importance, be-cause the box itself will be more in evidence when the upright evergreens are used than if it were partially masked by flowering plants of more drooping habit. In this connection it may be well habit. In this connection it may be well to note that window-boxes are now offered for sale along with the little trees to fill them. The majority of the manu-facturers sell only the boxes themselves, but a few firms can supply them with selected evergreens all ready for plant-ing, and even plan the arrangement for

The advantages of the ready-to-plant The advantages of the ready-to-plant boxes are worth considering. In the first place, the little evergreens are especially prepared for planting when they reach you. This point is more important than may appear at first glance, because much of the success of the little trees depends upon the care with which they are moved from the nursery to the box. Furthermore, if the plants are purchased from a reliable concern, you need have no anxiety as to the hardiness and general sturdy qualities of the stock. Still another advantage is that, by following directions, you will secure a balanced arrangement of a number of different varieties which ex-

perience has proved to be harmonious perience has proved to be harmonious. The evergreens used in these winter window-boxes range in height from 8" to 18" and, in some cases to 24". The determination of which heights will be best, hinges, of course, upon the size of the box and largely upon its location. Naturally, you would not want tall specimens in a low, broad window, nor very low ones where the windows are very low ones where the windows are high and narrow. A brief list of stand-ard species includes Colorado blue spruce (silvery green), white spruce (silvery gray), Norway spruce (dark green), red cedar (dark green), white pine (silvery green), American arbor-

vitæ (light green).

Looking over this list, you might think that the colors are so nearly alike that the result would be monotonous. Such is not the case, however, because in addition to the countless indefinable tones and shades which are apparent to the eye, there are the differences in form and structure of the selected species which lend variety to the whole. The spruces, for example, are rather stiff and spiky, with short, straight needles. Pines, on the other hand, look softer and more tufted; their needles are longer and softer, lending a more gracefollowed and softer, fending a more grace-ful aspect to the whole plant. The cedars and arborvitæ are again dif-ferent. They are the finest textured of all, and in the case of the arborvitæ we find perhaps more to hold the eye than with any of the others. This results alike from the apparent color variation alike from the apparent color variation due to the effects of light on the pe-culiar hand-like character of the foliage, and from the compact, symmetrical form of the plant as a whole.

#### Warm Weather Uses

It would be misleading to close this article without mentioning the fact that, article without mentioning the fact that, if properly cared for, these little evergreens may be carried over for several years. During the warmer months they are by no means to be despised as garden accents.



es of little tree Farus

The formal house calls for formality in box and planting. Particular attention should be paid to the type of the box, because where evergreens instead of flowering plants are used its form is more pronounced



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# Doors and Shutters of the Colonial Period

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more, not quite so long, at the base.

The two lower panels were separated lesson for us. Shutters followed pretty

from the four upper by a wide cross-

18th Century Panels

In the early 18th Century (c. 1700ments persisted to some extent and, in addition, we find a wealth of multiple panel arrangements of no little diversity panel arrangements of no little diversity—three long vertical panels above, the same below, and a wide cross-rail between; two large above, two small square or horizontal oblong below, and two large again at the bottom, broad cross-rail occurring usually below the two small panels; three small square panels at top, three vertical below them, a broad cross-rail, three more small of the properties of the pr a broad cross-rail, three more small squares, and then three verticals at the bottom; and besides these there were various occasional combinations of ver-tical and horizontal panels, panels with

tical and horizontal panels, panels with shaped heads, and triangular panels di-vided by diagonal rails, as in the door of the Parson Williams house at Deer-held, Massachusetts, one of the best New England examples. In the mid-18th Century (c. 1735-c. 1775) the most characteristic arrange-ment had eight punels—two smit-ton, then two small, then two large, all stiles and rails being of about equal breadth.

In the late 18th and early 19th Cen-1775-c. 1815) there was turies (c. 1773-c. 1813) there was an almost universal return to a six panel plan, the proportions, however, somewhat different from the earlier six panel scheme, two small at top, two long, a broad cross-rail, and two large panels

The panel divisions are not, of course, in invariable index to date as there were overlappings, earlier forms persistwere overlappings, earner forms persist-ing into a later period, on the one hand, and later forms, on the other, being sometimes foreshadowed in earlier periods; but in the main the indications are reliable.

#### Types and Periods

If anything, it is even more impor-tant to mark well the kinds of panels— whether they be countersunk, bevel-flush, or flush—and whether there be a molding defining the panel or whether it abuts directly against sitles and rails without a molding; likewise the dimensions and profiles of moldings, for they varied in every period. Not only did each period have its own general molding characteristics, such as the favorite quarter-round molding between panel edge and the stiles and rails of the early 18th Century, but there were also minor

variations and each of them holds some closely the characteristics of the doors closely the characteristics of the doors. Attention should be called to the frequent practice, especially in the first half of the 18th Century, of using two narrow doors instead of merely one wide door

The two cardinal principles to observe in studying doors and shutters of the Colonial period, and in any creative work resulting therefrom, are (1) pro-priety of scale and (2) consistency.

The former requires the scale of the door's details — the proportions and depth of its panels and the size and contour of its moldings—shall coincide with the scale of the corresponding characthe scale of the corresponding charac-teristics in the doorway. To illustrate, it would be an infraction of the prin-ciples to put an early 18th Century door with deep-set bevel-flush panels and vigorous, holdly-defined moldings within an Adam doorway where all the con-tours are shallow and all the details exceedingly delicate. It would be like putting a full-blown peony in a bunch of small orchids—a violation of all our ideals of fitness and harmony of char-

#### Congruity

The second principle calls for con gruity between door and doorway. Do not put a door of a pronounced type of design into a doorway where the type of design is utterly at variance; for instance, an early 18th Century door with multiple divisions and shaped panel heads into an Adam doorway of severe rectilinear emphasis. If is a universe not put a door of a pronounced type of sally accepted truth that the openings have more to do with the appearance of a building than almost any other of a building than almost any other feature. This applies to what we put within those openings as well as to the openings themselves. The inconsistency of a good doorway and a bad door is obvious, like a wretched chromo in a beautiful frame.

The writer holds no brief for a purismeticulous adherence to architectic, meticulous adherence to architectural and decorative precedent and slavish reproduction. That would be nothing but archaeology, would mean the rapid ossification of all originality and initiative and would put a speedy stop to all legitimate adaptation and crea-tion. But there are certain inherent prin-ciples of fitness that are unalterable. A lively perception of these principles results from the conscientious heed of just such details as have been pointed out. They are subtle, and potent as they are subtle, and they richly repay the study bestowed on them. Likewise they are prompt to avenge neglect or ignorance or misuse.



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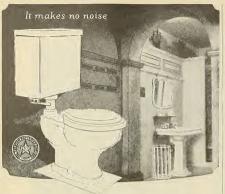
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It is a misapptehension to regard decorative plasterwork as applicable only to ceilings. It was once extensively used for the embellishment of wall surfaces and the field for that sort of ornamentation is still just as free and legitimate as it has ever been. The above windows, tympana above recessed doors and windows, lumettes over windows or at the ends of barrel-vaulted ceilings—any wall space, in fact, that is limited and clearly defined and possessed of some emphasis of location that mivins a measure of decoration—decorative plasterwork. In such places no one hesitates for a moment to hang plaster casts of della Robbia subjects and similar compositions, perhaps colored and gilt, as detached or detachable pieces of decoration, proceeding the places with plaster decoration, modeled in situ, or else to incorporate the plaques and panels of della Robbia and other reproductions, and model suitable whole composition in the white or add-ing color and gold, whichever might seem preferable.

ing color and gold, whichever might seem preferable. This incorporation of previously exceuted phaster reliefs is mechanically a simple matter and ensures really fine plaster decoration of a certain type at plaster decoration of a certain type at might be filled with envertionalized repeats, modeled and stamped in situ, or cast separately and then assembled and set.

#### Mural Plasterwork

For a more extended and ambitious use of mural plaster decoration, if one be so inclined, a frieze, the cornice, the cover above the cornice, or the whole wall space between the wainscot and the cornice, provide ample opportunity. In the last named instance the armount of the cornice, and must be given the decorative right of way, other features being kept away from it.

So far as ceilings are concerned, to which for a long time past convention seems to have confined plaster adornment, the possibilities are almost without limit. That so comparatively lit-

tle serious attention has been paid in our day to plaster decoration as a celling resource is probably due to the perfunctory and unalluring character of the cellings so embellished, by the square foot or the yard, in the middle of the last century. There are plenty of them still intact to exert a baleful influence and prejudice popular taste against employing any similar means to people who know decorative plaster work only in an unalvorable form should conclude that it is better to have no decoration than bad decoration. And yet, there is something illogical in having the walls replete with interest and then cut the interest short at the angle of wall and celling, leaving overhead a

then cut no merest snort at use angue or wall and colling, leaving overhead a or wall and colling, leaving overhead or of wall and colling, leaving overhead a Ir is far more logical to make the cliling a feature of distinct integers and, if need be, to concentrate interest there, keeping the walls, panceled or otherwise, comparatively plain to act as a foil to the turnishings and decoration that will one seeks precedent for such marshaling one seeks precedent for such marshaling one decision, there is no lack of it, from the frequent practice of the Brothers Adam and their contemporaries all the way back to the days of decoration, there is no lack of it, from the frequent practice of the Brothers Adam and their contemporaries all the way back to the days of decoration, and many an Italian room of the Remaissance period had severely plain walls while the ceiling was resplendent with adornment. The use of plasterwork as a means of ceiling decoration decoration and the second plasterwork as a means of ceiling decoration of the second plasterwork as a means of ceiling decoration of the second plasterwork as a means of ceiling decoration of the second plasterwork as a means of ceiling decoration on the second plaster work as a mean of ceiling decoration on the second plaster work as a means of ceiling decoration on the second plaster work as a means of ceiling decoration on the second plaster work as a means of ceiling decoration on the second plaster work as a means of ceiling decoration on the second plaster work as a means of ceiling decoration on the second plaster work as a mean of ceiling decoration on the second plaster work as a mean of ceiling decoration on the second plaster work as a means of ceiling decoration on the second plaster work as a means of ceiling decoration on the second plaster work as a mean of ceiling decoration on the second plaster work as a mean of ceiling decoration on the second plaster work as a mean of ceiling decoration on the second plaster work as a mean of ceiling decoration on

#### Renaissance Decorations

During the Renaissance period plaster decoration received a great impetus corotion received a great impetus cotori who, inspired by anny retuy-found masterpieces wrought by the old Roman plaster artists, not only emulated in stucco-duro the beautiful low reliefs executed by their andient pre-decessors, but also developed a system of bold modeling of large figures and vigorous details in high relief or in the round. They wrought and taught in France and England, as well as in Italy, and the seeds of their teaching fell on fertile soil. In France, as are find in the round return the round fell on the round return the round fell of the received by t

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A ceiling detail of "Solicitude," Penn House, Philadelphia

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entirely different course and there grew up a style, purely local and thoroughly domestic in character, which flourished domestic in character, which flourished throughout the Tudor period and the Stuart period up to the Restoration and, even after that date, was percepti-bly felt for a long time. The English plaster workers were craftsmen rather than artists. The human figure and animal figures alike were too much for animal figures alike were too much for them. Their human figures, however spirited, considered from the artist's point of view not only lacked finesse but were cloddish and often merely were usually lumpy and pudding-like. Nevertheless, humans, birds and beats were intensely decorative. These same plasterers displayed great ingenuity in devising a wide variety of vigorous and, at the same time, delicately modeled systems of geometrical ribbing fulfill. trap work interlacings along with foliated and floral sprigs and repeats. ated and noral sprigs and repeats. An of their work, even with the crudities of human and animal forms, was intensely decorative and pleasing and wrought with a broad freedom and freshness

It is this type of plaster decoration that is peculiarly in keeping with paneled oak rooms, and it is the reproduc-tions of this school, done in a coarsetions of this school, done in a coarse-textured creamy plaster, that have ma-terially aided a re-awakening taste for plaster decoration. There is no good reason why, holding to the same tech-nique, a great deal of interesting orig-inal work of the same sort should not be executed. Finicky exactitude and a be executed. Finicky exactitude and a sand papered perfection of plaster sur-face, however, will spoil the whole ef-fect. Incidentally, it will pay to con-sider barrel vaults, coves and other cell-ing shapes. One cannot afford to neglect the celling of a room any more than one can the sky of a landscape.

#### Wren, Gibbon and Adam

From the time of Sir Christopher Wren to the middle of the 18th Century, the dominant Palladian influence in architecture required a more regular and formal manner of ceiling decoration and there came into fashion the stately and more heavily detailed sort of plaster-work that often appeared as a reflection of the Grinling Gibbon school of wood of the Grinling Gibbon school of wood carving—fruits, flowers, foliage, birds, cherub heads and the other familiar motifs—and, with its symmetrical dis-position of large panels, coves, and coffers, accorded with the robust and ordered scale of the period. These de-cators were often modeled or cast separately and then put up by sections, many of the smaller connecting features being modeled in situ. The same kind of plaster decoration in bold relief with festoons, drops, trophies, armorial bear-ings and figures often graced the upper

portions of the walls also.

With the ascendency of the Adam style, after the middle of the century, an altogether new plaster technique, if indeed it can properly be called plas-ter, came to the fore. The exquisite low reliefs and the profusion of attenuated reliefs and the profusion of attenuated Pompeian details, which the Brothers Adam and their contemporaries and imitators habitually used, were executed with a composition of dead plaster or gypsum combined with a glutinous compound and pressed while hot into metal molds. Hence the sharp definition of even the minutest lines and finest edges and the rather hard effect resulting therefrom. This sort of decoration ensured elegance, accuracy and a wealth of fine detail that would have been diffior the detail that would have been diffi-cult to achieve in a different medium, such as the earlier plaster used in the 17th Century, but despite its great beauty and delicacy, it conveyed a certain metallic effect and lacked the sym-pathetic warmth of the older work. The

whole system of details introduced by the Brothers Adam—the circles, lozenges, ovals, hexagons, octagons, paterae, fan shapes, medallions and plaques with classic figures and the dainty arabesques

are familiar to all. Before passing on, the reader should be reminded that the Adam school em-ployed relief decorations extensively on walls as well as on ceilings, and particular attention should be called to the effective use, made on walls, of slightly countersunk panels, or of panels formed on an uninterrupted surface with delion an uninterrupted surface with den-cate foliage bands, containing a single medallion. Such decorations may very easily be applied even to old walls that have a good surface. After the Adam school, plasterwork sank into a dreary state of coarseness and vulgarity.

#### The Practical Side

As to the purely practical application of decorative plasterwork for our own requirements, the following facts and suggestions are to be kept in mind. Plaster decorations are either modeled in situ or else they are modeled, or cast, in separate pieces and applied, being stuck in place with plaster of Paris and lime putty, the small connecting details being modeled in situ. Large casting with a wooden fraffeework or a canvas backing are screwed to the joists.

Many readers of House & Garden a

Many readers of HOUSE & CARDEN are doubtless able to model in clay. With a little practice they could easily learn to model spearate pieces in plaster which a plasterer could then put in place. Have the plaster well seasoned, that is to say, the lime must be well slaked and to say, the fines low well staked and toughened, worked up, chopped and beaten. For a rather coarse texture, like the old work, do not have the sand riddled too fine and robbed of its grit. It may also be well to stiffen the mixwith short white hair.

ture with short white hair.

Unless one is going to experiment
with working in the old stucco dure,
which while extremely plastic and slow
setting, becomes intensely hard and
strong with the addition of marble dust,
and admits of high relief and undercutting, it will be better to avoid any
strong at undercutting high relief or attempt at undercutting, high relief, or sharp brittle lines and stick, instead, to mellow, soft modeling of fairly low re-lief. Somewhat conventionalized designs will probably prove the most successful and let them be bold and virile rather than over-refined. For modeling in situ or in detached work, dies may be made and used for impressing on the pats of plaster such details as the vein-ing of leaves, the petals of rosettes and

Work done wholly by plasterers, from designs prepared by the architect or the householder, will need close supervision because the fault of the capable modern plasterer, from the decorative point of view, is that he insists upon doing his job in what he considers the workman-like manner he was taught as a prentice. Unless he is carefully watched, therefore, to slick and finished and, of course, monotonous. Architects are constantly finding the same trouble in other branches of work where texture is concerned.

When the plaster decoration is not modeled in situ, but is formed of separate parts and put in place piece by piece, the operation may be carried on either when an entire surface is to be newly plastered or when an old surface, that is thoroughly sound, is to be em-bellished. When a whole surface is to be fresh plastered, the general outline and places of embellishment may be scratched or marked on the gray or "brown" coat. They may then be stuck in place when the final "white coat" is given. The surface to be (Continued on page 66)



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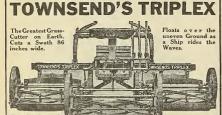
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#### Plasterwork in Modern Decoration

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worked on must be properly wet and Gesso applied in this way has been sufficiently roughened or scored to give apity termed "relief painting." If a the plaster of the decoration a firm hold. continuous surface, such as a lunette Small separate items of modeled orna- or a chimney-piece decoration is to be ment, such as single sprigs, flowers, rosettes, or the leaf banding for small Adam panels previously alluded to, may be applied to old plaster by chopping away a corresponding portion of the surface, wetting it and roughening it, as before noted, to give a sure hold, and setting in place with lime putty and

#### Using Gesso

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done in gesso, glue thin canvas on scrim over the old plaster and apply the gesso. This method commends itself especially also for small decorations to be executed in conjunction with panels made by applied wooden moldings. Tempera colors are the best to use for polychroming either gesso or other plaster decorations. Admirable results may be gained by using color either partially or fully. In applying decoration to old surfaces, the use of color becomes al-most a necessity to cover up the traces recent addition.

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#### The Small House for the Multi-Rich

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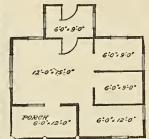
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# Bernard Palissy—His Wisdom and His Wares

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Strangely enough, it had been discovered, not just bought, discovered in King to quell an uprising in Saintes, London, and, unromantically enough, chanced to come across Master Bernard though exultingly, in a shop whose keeper ought to have known what it was, who ought to have known enough Before this day, however, Master Port to have let it go for the mere pit.

Beginned that the Constable Constable and the Montmorency, who was sent by the King to quell an uprising in Saintes, chanced to come across Master Bernard and to take up with his ingenious compositions.

Before this day, however, Master Bernard had slaved away at his experience. not to have let it go for the mere pit-tance of—but that is Cleon's secret!

My own flaire for collecting has often fed my pride, but it is tempered with a happy contentment for an interest in the things I cannot have, may never hope to have! I cannot, perhaps, describe to you the delight I experienced in coming upon that saucière at Cleon's, the joy I felt in being permitted to take my time in gloating over it untimed by a museum curator, whose official anxiety must curator, whose official anxiety must of necessity ever play false to his kindly attempt to conceal it. When I came home I looked over all my photographs of Palissy Ware, and took down from its shelf in my library a volume in French of the Works of Master Bernard, a volume of the date of 1636, followed by come of 1877, and one of 1844. by one of 1777 and one of 1844. ter Bernard was not only a notable potter, but as both Lamartine and Anatole France observed, he holds a high position among French writers in the field of natural philosophy, agriculture and religion.

#### A Record of Struggle

Master Bernard's early life is wrapped in mystery. We do know that he was a worker in stained-glass—a craft which bore the aristocratic distinction in his time of its being followed by the needy gentry,—that he traveled afar in his youth, and that he returned to his own country and settled in Saintes about 1542, a married man, adding portrait painting and land surveying to his vocations.

I imagine that Master Palissy, Madame and the little Palissys—there were little Palissys—got on very comfortably for a time. Had not the Council of King Francis I, decided to impose a salt tax on the Saintonge, and had not Master Bernard been commissioned to make the surveys of the salt marshes in the neighborhood of Saintes?

However, there came a day when—Palissy tells us this himself—he was shown an earthen cup turned and en-ameled so beautifully that from that moment he entered into dispute with himself, remembering many things that people had told him, making mock of him when he was painting pictures. Now, seeing that these things were no longer much wanted in the part of the country where he dwelt, he began to think that if he found out the invention of making enamel he could make vessels of clay and other things of comely favor, as God had granted him to of portraiture. understand somewhat Without caring that he knew nothing concerning argillacious earths, he set himself to search out enamels like a man who gropes in the darkness. These are

How the imagination wreathes around that mysterious cup which inspired Master Bernard. What was it, maiolica of Italy or of Spain, or was it, maintea of these things, I think. I cannot im-agine it could have been anything short of some such treasure as a porcelain cup fetched from China by some Marco Polo!

At any rate, Master Bernard set about the business diligently and persistently. Once he had made up his mind to a thing there was no changing him, so long as the thing he had set his mind to appeared to him better, more wise or more righteous than that which would take its place. He became as persistent a potter as he had been, (and as he was!), persistent a protestant.

pected to see such a treasure acquired. Lucky it was for him that the Constable

Before this day, however, Master Bernard had slaved away at his experiments, neglecting his work, meeting disappointments and reverses, until finally there was not even a crust left in the house. His invention of a white enamel was only a step out of the darkness. This is his own story: "Upon the discovery of the white enamel, another misfortune befell me, causing me great annoyance; which was that running short of wood I was obliged to burn the palings which maintained the boundaries of my garden, the which after being burnt I had to burn the tables and the floorings of my house in order to cause the melting of the second .omposition. I was in such agony as I cannot express, for I was utterly exhausted and withered up with my work and the heat of the furnace; during more than a month my shirt had never been dry upon me; even those who ought to have helped me ran crying through the town that I was burning the planks of the floors, so that I was made to lose my credit, and was thought to be mad. Others said that I was trying to coin false money, and I went about crouching to the earth like one ashamed." think that what Madame Palissy did not say places her in the hierarchy of our marveling esteem! Howbeit I write of a hero and not of heroines.

Ah, little blue book with the gilt morning-glories, the analine frontispiece! Brave, unflinching Master Bernard; brave, suffering madame!

## Recognition Comes

Probably by that time Palissy's wife's mother had left them and had taken the children with her for a summer. Howbeit, the day arrived when Master Bernard pulled a perfect plate from the kiln. He had succeeded. The Saintonge had known he would—of course, after-wards! But Master Bernard was de-cent about it. When the Montmorency arrived Palissy was already entering upon a profitable livelihood. Though his Huguenotism might have made life precarious, the protection extended by the Constable made all go well for a while. Palissy was called upon to un-dertake the decoration of the Château d'Ecoun in his faience. Soon his fame spread to Paris and he was fetched thither and made "Inventor of Rustic Figulines to the King and the Queen-Mother" with workshops in what is now part of the gardens of the Tuilleries. The nobility patronized him. He became a favorite of the Queen-Mother, Catherine di Medici, and was saved from the Massacre of St. Bartholomew's Eve. He discoursed to the learned on topics in Natural Philosophy and was respectfully listened to at a crown a head, a large lecture entrance fee for those days.

### Palissy in Prison

Although Master Bernard had escaped with his life, his property had been destroyed in 1562, and now, twenty-six years later, he found himself at seventy-eight again in peril. This time the King, Henry III., declared he could do nothing for him unless he would recant the heresy of his Huguenot faith. Palissy indignantly scorned the ignoble Palssy indignantly scorned the ignoble terms of release and remained in the Bastille, whither he had been led a prisoner to the great satisfaction of the ecclesiastical court. Probably kings had ceased to become interested in gray-haired potters and their expenses. At any rate, Master Bernard was con
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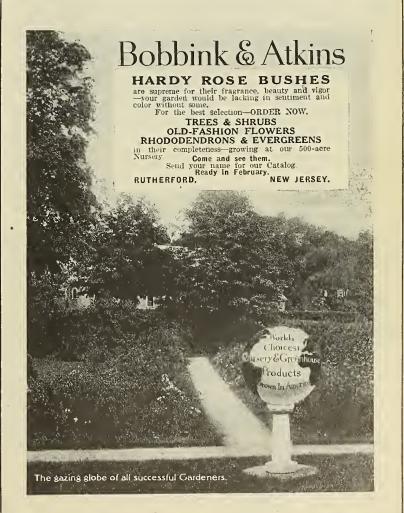
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## Bernard Palissy-His Wisdom and His Wares

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demned to death. Before the fragile over those last pages, how my own eyes clay that God had modeled in the cup were not dry. Somehow I think every-of his life had a chance to be dashed to thing must have its story, and when I earth by hideous bigotry, his soul was liberated from his worn-out body, and the headsman's block was cheated of the grace of being Master Bernard's last pillow on earth. May Heaven rest his

soul! I shall never forget, Little Blue Book, how Miss Solander shed a tear

were not dry. Somehow I think every-thing must have its story, and when I am in Cleon's house or in my own, looking at this thing or at that with the love a collector holds for the things of yesterday, I am not content with the thing alone, but my thoughts seek out the memory of its story; at least it was so with that inimitable saucière of Master Bernard of blessed memory!

#### Ouestions Which Have Been Answered

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rid of the moles, which are becoming so numerous that they eat the bulbs in my garden and spoil the turf near the house? Are they useful as insect destroyers. or should they be exterminated?

Answer-The mole problem is one of the most troublesome with which lawn owners have to contend. In spite of innumerable experiments which have been made to find a real solution, I believe that about the only way to attain worth-while success its to carry on a persistent warfare against the pests by means of the standard traps which are sold in any hardware store. In addition to this (if your place is of any size you should have at least half a dozen traps, and keep them all working all the time), some of the moles can usually be caught by digging them out as they work at

extending their surface burrows.

If you happen to have a good, keen terrier, such as a Scottie, fox or Irish, very likely he will pick up the trick of mole hunting. Of course, he will disfigure the lawn to some extent by his dig-ging, but that will be worth it if he gets the moles. I have known several dogs which became very proficient at this work, rarely missing their quarry and never making a hole more than a few inches in diameter.

Lacking such a dog, a person with persistency, a light step and a handy spade, can destroy a good many moles in the course of a summer simply by advancing quietly to where they are at wark (easily discernible by a slight work (easily discernible by a slight movement of the soil surface as the mole heaves it up in his advance into fresh ground), stamping down the burrow immediately behind the mole to prevent a retreat, and unearthing him with a quick stroke of the spade. Once above ground, the mole will move so slowly that it will be an easy matter to dispose of him.

To the best of my knowledge, nroles have no economic value-or at least, the damage they do far exceeds the benefit,

In conclusion, may I suggest that the extermination of moles, once they have become well established, is a long and tedious process that calls for unending watchfulness and patience. It can be done, however, although any slackening of vigilance will almost surely be followed in a short time by a reappearance of the pests from neighboring places.

Inquiry—We have a very pretty front and back lawn. A year ago I sowed about two quarts of white clover on top of the grass, as I am very fond of a clover lawn. This year I have quite a little new clover, but I also have no end of weeds. There are plantains, ground gill and, what is my greatest problem, a

Inquiry—Could you help me to get weed which is spreading very rapidly d of the moles, which are becoming so and bids fair to kill both grass and merous that they eat the bulbs in my clover unless I do something and do it quickly.

This weed resembles chickweed in that This weed resembles chickweed in that it is not very deeply rooted, but it is very fine and so close that when you walk over a patch of it, it is like walking on moss or velvet, it is so soft. I had thought of weeding these patches out and sowing in grass seed. I do not like to ruin the appearance especially of the greenness of the front lawn.

There is a patch in the front lawn which I should judge is about 2' by 3', and you can readily see what I am up against if I weed this out, as there

nothing left but the weed on this patch.

I realize that the ground gill and plantains are bad, but I could handle them as I cannot this other. It has simply sprung up all over the yard without warning, and seems to gain on me even overnight. What would you ad-vise me to do, or is there anything I can use which will kill this pest and still not injure the grass or clover or keep them from growing in on these ches again?

Answer—Careful consideration of your Answer—Careful consideration of your letter forces me to the conclusion that the only real solution of your weed problem is to remove the interlopers, roots and all. Any preparation that would exterminate them would also destroy the clover as well as the grass, be-sides running the risk of making the soil chemically unfit for future growing.

Of course, such a procedure as I ad vise necessitates an ensuing period of bare spots where the weed patches were uprooted, but if these are seeded down at once (or sodded, if you can secure clover sod of the right quality), they will soon look presentable again.

It is simply a case of the lesser of two evils; if the weeds are not kept down now they will seed themselves and come up thicker than ever next year. On the other hand, if you sacrifice present appearance for the sake of future effect,

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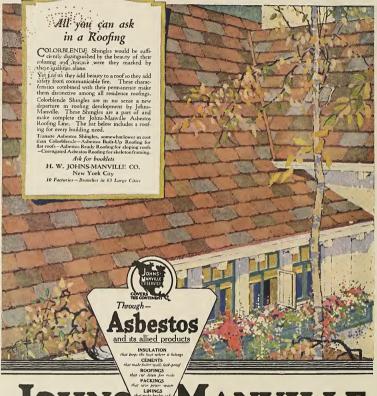
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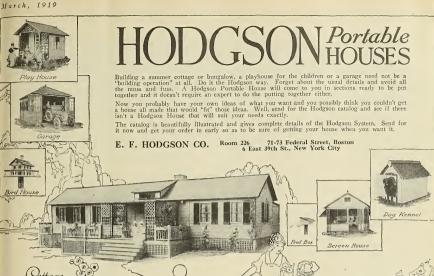
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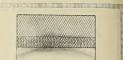
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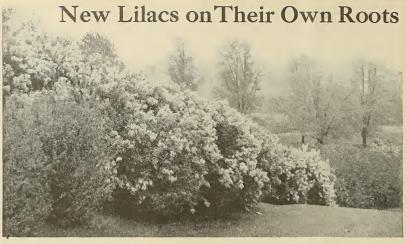
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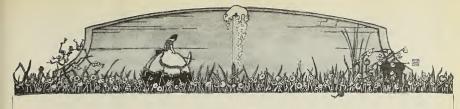
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The painted shade and the shade of decorative glazed chintz, now much in vogue, will be described in the April Interior Decorating Number

and a little layout of suitable bedside lamps. In this issue is continued the series on three-year decoration for young married couples. The dining room is created by Mrs. Gerrit Smith. Gardner Teall writes on Intarsia and, of course there is the Little Portfolio.

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With April also comes the awakened gardening interest. The Greek gardner of the Little The Greek gardner of the Little Smith and the Little Gardner of its kind in America—is shown here. There is an article on planning the grounds of a small place and one on starting the vegetable garden. As a fill up come directions for making a suburban rose garden and pictures of a small flower garden which was created in a small flower garden which was created in a

small flower garden which was created in a single year.

The prospective house builder will find inspiration in the Italian house that spreads across two pages and the English home by Lewis Colt Albro. How to make a stone fireplace is another topic.

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There are others, but these few suffice to show the diversity of inspirational and practical material in this April issue. The pages flick and flash with live interest like figures on a movie screen. It is an issue not to miss.

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in the sun-washed alcove that overlooks the garden. Now you can, if you see nothing more in it, call this the rear terrace of Mr. George Marshall Aller's kouse at Convent, N. J. And you can say that Charles I. Berg, who designed it, has created a fine bit of architecture, that the texture of the wall is extraordinary, etc., etc. But it's more than just architecture—and the swalight makes it so



# ON LOOKING UP FROM A GARDEN

A Discourse That Attempts to Show That Gardens Are Even More
Than Brown Earth and Blossoms

#### RICHARDSON WRIGHT

EVERY year just about this time some poet or essayist or other writer-person delivers himself of an ecstasy on Spring—Spring as a sort of glorified fairy in diaphanous wraps who comes tip-toeing down the land to touch the flowers and trees and make them leap into blossom.

Very pretty picture!

But the gardener, who really knows and loves flowers and trees and all the green, growing things, has quite a different conception of spring. Nothing diaphanous, nothing fairy-like; in fact, to him spring isn't a person at all, it is a movement—a mighty urging upward. It isn't coaxed from above, but moved from below. The growing things break upward through the crust of chill earth the way a man gets out of bed on a cold morning—gradually, reluctantly, cover by cover, a toe at a time, not because someone has waked him, but because he has accumulated the necessary refreshment of sleep and is ready to go forth and do the day's work. Having stored energy

through a winter's sleep, the growing finings rise up to go about their work. And they urge upward and outward until that work is finished, when winter brings them rest again.

Until a man appreciates this upward urge he can never gather the full fruit of enjoyment that a garden yields. For a garden is not merely a place to look from. And the way to look from a garden is to look up. More—a garden is not alone a place to work in; it is a place to work from. And the way to work from a garden is not alone a place to work in; it is a place to work from a garden is to work up.

These are hard sayings, so we shall explain them.

THERE is magic about soil that is cleansing. The mere dust of loam on the hands, the very breathing of its aroma seems to clear away the false values of life we ac-

quire in the everyday business of living. Perhaps this is because the earth is so much a part of us and we of it—we come from the earth and to the earth we eventually return. Touching it is like going back to the little old home where life is simple and kindly. It cleanses us of our popin-jay egotism, rids us of futile materialism, acts as a sort of spiritual cathartic.

It is ludicrous to be cynical in the presence of a lusty oak breaking into leaf. It is futile to be decadent with loam on your hands. And imagine pretending to be fashionable or elegant or superbly intellectual or absurdly radical as you guide a plow! These things simply won't work. They don't belong. The realm of Nature is a different world, where such affairs are of no consequence. Therefore, if you would understand Nature, you must learn her tongue, and before you learn it you must clear away your false notions, forget the jargon of cities and books and ballrooms.

It is a commonplace that men who live daily

with Nature—farmers and sailors and such have a quaint way of speaking. They use fantastically simple images and are gifted with a native brand of poetry that sounds like some passages of the Bible read. There is a rhythm to their tongue that other men simply can't acquire.

Nature has a rhythm all her own, a rhythm so entirely different from the concatenation of cities that a man has to be purged of his pride before he can understand it. He has to acknowledge that there is another world besides the little circle in which he moves and has his being. Once he acknowledges this he is given a glimpse of that world and hears the echo of its songs. It is this echo that makes the speech of farmers so strange.

In the eternal dominion of Nature there is a great movement constantly circling upward, as the lark circles upward, and those who come close to her are swept along with it. A man soon learns this when he starts working in a garden. He can't resist its cleansing. He

can't resist the ug of its other-worldly urging and the up-rushing of its hidden energy from the deep silences of the earth. Consequently, the longer he works in that garden, the more is he compelled to work the way Nature works—up-ward.

NOW there are to look upon in this old world—the smile that greets your home-coming of nights, the mist wraiths about tall buildings in the dusk, the pure colors of a medieval lacquer-and of these one very fair is a garden. In the springtime there is the strangely fragile lush grass and the golden loveliness of mornings that make you feel as though you are in at the beginning of a new world. In summer come the siesta hours when heat vapors float over the earth like levitation, and the poppy bows her head in the



garden close until the cool rains of evening raise it again. Then in autumn, the flame of tree and bush, and Nature is mightily consumed on her pyre, like some old Indian queen majestically sorrowful in her suttee. These things, I say, are fair to look upon, and a man is a better man for having seen them. But if he never raises his eyes, much there is he misses.

For a garden is more than stem and blossom and brown earth. It is infinitely greater than anything you can create with diligent labor. In the huge mosaic of the countryside it may be only a small piece, but it shares the glory and the wonder of everything about it. To see these is one of the compensations of gardening and, oddly enough, they mean more to the gardener than to anyone else because he understands them.

For moments now he has been busily engrossed with spade and hoe, the earth yielding readily to his skill as he shapes the tender seedlings into a seemly row against their day of growth. Then he straightens up to stretch his tired muscles-and a vision of great activity is vouchsafed him. Bird choirs sing in the clerestory of the trees. Toward the horizon the tawny checkerboard fields spill merrily over the hilltop. Far above, the streets of the sky are peopled with cloud denizens. For a moment he is bewildered by the gigantic puissance of it all; then, gradually, he realizes that in looking up he has beheld the face of a new world. And when he turns to the flowers at his feet, they are lovelier for the contrast: delphiniums are bluer for that sky, and phlox whiter for the clouds and the brown earth more golden for those tawny fields on the hilltop over there.

DURING the past three years great numbers of the American people have been obliged to garden. The stern necessity of war made it incumbent upon them to raise their own vegetables. This year that necessity is somewhat mitigated. And in removing the stern purpose from gardening there is opportunity for other objects to be attained. Is it conceivable that these three years of initiation shall not have made many a confirmed gardener out of an amateur? Is it not possible to hope that they will now garden because of the unalloyed joy it brings and the cleansing contact with another world? Can we not also trust that they will grow flowers with the same enthusiasm as they have grown vegetables?

Yes, it is a fairly safe wager that those who have learned to work in their gardens, who have been ennobled by looking at them, will now turn to them as a means whereby they can look up. For the great reward of gardening is that we are gathered along in Nature's upward swirl and carried above the ordinary

things of everyday life.

The gardener should be able to take more from his plot than a crop of flowers and freckles, succulent vegetables and hard muscles. If that is all he expects, he will get even less than his expectation. Nature is a jealous goddess and she demands that appreciation go outless and she demands that appreciation go wides and she demands that appreciation go be here. The heart must work with the hoe. Aspirations must exude with good, honest sweat. There must always be that vision of blue sky above and tawny fields on the hilltop.

These are things that set a man to dreaming, and he is big or small, vital or inconsequential, comprehending or dullard according to the measure of his dreams. He is also a successful gardener according to the measure of his dreams. Nature requires sympathie, an understanding of her ways.

OT all gardeners understand Nature because not all permit themselves this sympathy. Their purpose in gardening is such that it limits their capacity for dreams, for hoeing with the heart.

Some people make a garden because it is the fashionable thing to do. And they have them-selves photographed for the magazines and Sunday supplements, in their gardens, wearing jewels and the smartest garden clothes—where-upon all the little birds in the tree tops thereabout set up unconstrained laughter and the workman on the East Side vows to vote the Socialist ticket at the next election.

Other people take gardening as they would a narcotic—the way some men take work—to make themselves forget. Which is a futile attempt, because to maintain the stimulus for oblivion they must increase the dose, and they eventually reach a point where they are not

capable of increasing it.

Still others make gardens because it is part of a full life. To live happily they must invest their hours and aspirations in the activities of another world. And they draw the interest of pleasure according to the measure of their investment. They are usually quaint folk, other-worldly in their manner, but capable of comprehending the idiosyncrasies of Nature as she displays them in tree and bush and fragrant blossom, across the skyline and in the infinite zenith. These are, moreover, the successful gardeners.

Let's look into this class of gardeners for a moment—and then quit.

SOME people are referred to as "born gardeners." They aren't necessarily scientific folk or intellectual—quite the opposite in most

cases—but they seem to have a knack for making plants grow. Others may spend money freely for fine tools and chemicals and especially selected seeds, and have no luck at all, whereas, some poor little old woman in the back street, who cannot afford all these luxuries, buts their gardens to shame.

What's the answer?

The little old woman, like as not, raises her five movers the same way she raises her balies. She does it herself. It is part of the day's work. Upon her own energies depends the appearance of that front yard. She doesn't lay off because the sun is hot, and she hasn't any gardeners to hand the work over to when it grows irksome. She doesn't garden because it is the fashion, but because flowers are pretty things to have about the place, and because her man and her children enjoy fresh vegetables. They are a vital part of her everyday life.

But that is only one reason. The other you will discover when you get to know her wellwhich may not be so easy. True gardeners, like true fishermen, are a clannish lot; they stolidly refuse to tell their secrets. But say you do get to know her well and start her on the subject of flowers and vegetables, she will begin to talk about them in the most amazing fashion-familiarly, poetically, like the lover in the Song of Solomon, with quaint observations that open doors to worlds of deep understanding. And midway in her conversationthis happens invariably and to it is due much of her success-she will stop and look up lovingly at some fluffy little cloud drifting across the sky, or listen to the call of a bird, or let her eyes rest understandingly on the horizon where the tawny checkerboard fields spill over



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# WHEN TO USE A CHINA CABINET

D URING the past few years the vogue in china cabinets dropped perceptibly. In fact, they went completely out and it is difficult to say when they will return to favor. But when can you use a china cabinet?

The answer is simple—when you have a cabinet of such beauty and of such historic lines as those shown here. Such pieces of furniture are always in good taste and can be used either in the dining room to hold the best china and glass ware or in the living room to house some precious collection. They justify display because of their intrinsic merit.

Three of them are of old spanish design with characteristic shaped top and elaborately decorated with intarsia in flower designs; the fourth is William and Mary, a doubletop c a b in et with unusual wooden partitions for the panes.

A good antique—when it is antique enough—can defy any of the vagaries of passing custom.



A cabinet in the Chiness manner, inlaid
with gold, is us e d
here to hold ancestral
china. From the collection of Mrs. Dudley L. Pickman at
Beverly Farms, Massachusetts



An example of 16th Century work is found in this Spanish cabinet—a rare piece of mahogany with inlaid boxwood. From the collection of Amos A. Lawrence, Esq., Boston

Another example of 16th Century Spanish inlay is this cabinet with cupboard beneath. It holds a Chinese collection. From the residence of W. E. Atwood, Esq., of Boston

The lines of this cabinet pronounce it William and Mary. It has a chaste but solid dignity. A glass collection is preserved in it. It is from the Amos A. Lawrence collection





Give the children an attic room to themselves. Fit it up as study, bedroom or nursery. Use plenty of wicker and hook rugs. Storage closets can be placed in the jog at the end. F. Patterson Smith was the architect, and Brett, Gray & Hartwell the decorators

The attic shown above and below is a boys' room. The study corner is at this end, the sleeping part at the other. Open beams, white walls and simple sturdy furnishings make a boys' paradise. It is their own furniture, not the cast-off pieces from downstains





In another alcove, the boys have a fireplace of their own where they can bring their gang of small friends without disturbing the downstairs rooms

# MAKING THE ATTIC LIVABLE

Still Another Part of the House Is Salvaged to Meet the Modern Requirements of a Growing Family

#### MARY H. NORTHEND

O NE loves to dream of the old attic that occupied the entire upper story of great-grandfather's weather-beaten old home. It was a dark, fear-some place, fascinating to childhood. Who has not crept slowly up the creaking stairs to prowl among the brass nailed hair trunks? Even today the fragrance of sweet lavender seemingly greets us as we recall the lifting of the lid.

#### Modern Space Demands

Today that is all gone. The mystery that lurked under the shadowy eaves is dispelled. For with modern conservation, the old-fashioned attic has been replaced by practical experiments that fit into present use in our homes. Additional space is an absolute necessity, not only with a growing family, but in suburban homes, where week-end parties mean additional room for the guests.

Storage room, as in the olden days, is also a necessity, for there are trunks and out of season clothing to be housed, but this difficulty has been met through the designing of dust proof closets close under the roof.

The gabled roof house is best adaptable for this usage, as the projections have been broken sufficiently



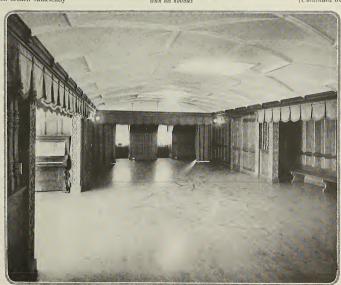
Giving father a chance means giving him a den or study where he can be quiet and can fuss around with his hobbies

to provide interesting spaces to work out odd ideas. This would be impossible in architecture that has a strong Southern feeling, the low spreading roof line furnishing no inspiration for the working out of livable attic space. The house need not necessarily be English in style, but must have a well pitched roof, for ample ventilation is a necessity, and this can only be satisfactorily worked out through windows or ventilators so planned that they add to rather than detract from the charm of the exterior of the house.

We have only to go back to the Middle Ages to realize that even in those days ample space was developed in the upper stories; particularly is it true in Gothic and early Renaissance architecture which is found not only in France, but in Germany and the Netherlands. The fact that the steep roofs of that period allowed for rooms to be designed for a variety of purposes, has been taken advantage of by the architects of today, who have made a careful study of every type.

#### The Attic Temperature

It has been claimed that the great objection to utilizing the space in the upper story for living purposes, is (Continued on page 60)



Provided the construction of the house permits, an attic dance room is ideal. The music is placed in an alcove and there are dressing rooms at the end. F. Patterson Smith, architecture.

# A MUSEUM THAT EARNS ITS KEEP

WE used to think of a museum as a tomb of the past. There were ample reasons why we held to this opinion. Museums were depositaries of old, rare and beautiful works of art where the discerning or the desirous foregathered, whenever the spirit moved them, to behold and enthuse. That was about all.

During the past three years this worn-out legend has been scraped together with kings and untaxed incomes and all the other non-essential and evil flotsam of a recent dark age. Museums have become the depositaries of the future. They link up the past with the present. They reincarnate the heauty of a by-gone time for the guidance of present-

day manufacturers and the delectation of people.

This is the significant work that the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City has accomplished under the stress of war. The story is best told by the words of its own accounting of stewardship: "Manufacturers and designers have found it to their advantage to use the museum, and this means that they have found it to their business advantage. No greater test of the value of art as related to progress could be offered. Design has been able to demonstrate its own salability, which indicates a by no means insignificant step in our valuable art producing trades, trades which represent an annual expenditure of no less than \$500,000,000 for home furnishings alone."

Just how do these designers and manufacturers benefit from the

museum?

WHETHER the field is metal work, tiles, plaster, stained glass, or costume design, whether the manufacturer makes reproductions of colonial furniture or re-designs a silver goblet for commercial use, whether he works from Byzantine ivories or Flemish tapestries, in jewelry or architectural terracotta,

whether he is designer or manufacturer, decorator or craftsman, the resources of the museum have been offered to him and he has studied objects of art from an inspirational viewpoint, very much as he would use a book for study.

To continue the report of this work: "An Italian gessocovered and painted picture frame may seem a long cry from the modern market, yet it has been studied by a New York manufacturer of tapes-An Athenian vessel tries. twenty centuries old has been passed by thousands of visitors until a designer of commercial containers saw in this as in nothing else that had come to her notice a possibility for a modern jar to hold cosmetics. A millefleurs tapestry remained the despair of scores of artists and designers until a manufacturer of rugs determined to take advantage of this design for the improvement of American rugs, A designer of dress fabrics saw possibilities in the armor collection. A china painter studied Russian laces, Embroidered crests assisted in the design of American sport skirts. Florentine glass bottles offered suggestions for printed voiles. Ecclesiastical vestments were found full of suggestion for wall papers. The color for painted chairs was found in Chinese pottery. A paper soap wrapper design saw its beginnings in snuff boxes.

"These are a few of the actual cases of recent weeks, all showing that in tracing fundamentals of design the manufacturer or his designer seeks his inspiration wherever it may be found and the differences of material, style, artist, period, race, or purpose are not considered barriers. Thus they have at their command the entire field of industrial art design of all ages, and their only limitation is that they shall properly express in terms of their own materials the design and purposes of the pieces which they themselves are producing."

THE work of the museum in facilitating the study of designers is reprints to students and designers. Sixty-five thousand of them are

sold annually.

"To meet these requirements on the part of the modern manufacturing and designing world, the Metropolitan Museum maintains a large and efficient force of assistants and an extensive system of study rooms, lantern slide and photograph collections, lending collections, and other physical means of assistance. There are a number of docents or museum instructors familiar with every detail of the galleries and their contents and there is a specially trained associate whose province it is to assist in bringing together the seeker and his objective, to act as a sort of liaison officer between the museum and the world of art in trade. This member of the staff is a person qualified to assist manufacturers and designers from the standpoint of their own requirements. He makes it his business to visit shops and workrooms, he is familiar with the processes of manufacture and keeps abreast of the market, so that he shall be able to visualize trade values in museum facilities and thus help manufacturers toward their own objectives."

In these endeavors lies the promise of a great result.



#### HEARTHSIDE

So many things to love in that small house of ours, The sunlight swept across the breakfast-board, The brass bowls blooming with their nodding sheaves of flowers, The genial fireplace where stout logs have roared; There is a little window looking to the East Where stars peeped in on us through twilight haze; The mottled plates we kept against the seldom feast Shining from their shelves in bright arrays; The wide, soft rug-fair-colored as some enfabled mead, With stiff Levantine blossoms, weaver-sown; The stately chairs, the pipe-stand, and rows of books to read; The sweater on the settle lightly thrown. So much I love . . . their peace, content and happiness, And friendliness to make each corner bloom, And more than all, the clock, so solemn of address, That murmurs to itself down the still room. -Archie Austin Coates.

BEHIND all this activity, the beauty is a great aspiration. Our manufacturers are learning that their factory is not merely a business venture, but "a work bench of national taste." Every chair or lighting fixture or yard of goods is a factor in the great mosaic of national culture fostered by the industrial arts.

The Metropolitan Museum, to have recourse once again to its report, "maintains that 'Made in America' on an object of furniture or furnishings is inadequate unless it also connotes designed by an American-trained craftsman."

Here is an irrefutable answer to those who would accuse the American people of lacking good taste. Here also upon museums as tombs. For a laudable standard of activity is being set by this museum that must be copied—if they dare to justify their existence—by every other museum in the country.

No longer are the people to be satisfied with "good enough" wares in their homes. That old fallacy of maintaining a low level in order to give the people what they want is beautifully exploded. Give them the best, and they will buy, for the average man's tastes are very much above the average. Teach him to live surrounded by beautiful objects and he enters into a new life. Teach him to go to his museums and the things that were dead will live.

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### WHITE AS A COLOR FOR HOUSES

Not only because it is just as durable as other colors, but because it is more pleasing and more useful, white is the best for country houses. It accents the house in the landscape. It reflects the sunlight so that its shadows are all the more shadowy. It forms a per-

fect background for vines and shrubs and adjacent trees to silhouette against. And it imparts a clean, fresh air so desirable for the home. If you doubt it, study this portico of the F. P. King residence at Tarrytown, N. Y. Aymar Embury II, architect



An exquisite set of Capo Di Monte figurines depicting the hours. From the collection of Mrs. Lydia Avery Coonley Ward

# CAPO DI MONTE PORCELAINS

A Ware That Came Out of Naples for the Delectation of the Discerning Collector

GARDNER TEALL

SHOULD you chance upon Lady
Blessington's "Idler in Italy"
—few there are, nowadays who
bother to look into these old-fashioned travel books of the early 19th
Century—you will find there this
note of that remarkable lady's wisit
to the Palace of Portici, built by
Charles III of Naples in 1738, or
the highroad to Salerno, some five
miles beyond the gates of the
Neapolitan metropolis:

#### The Salon in Portici

"One of the salons at Portici peculiarly attracted our attention. The ceiling and walls were covered with panels of the most beautifuchina of the ancient and celebrated manufactory of Capo di Monte, of which specimens are now become rare. The panels have landscapes and groups finely painted and are

bordered with wreaths of flowers of the size of nature of the richest and most varied dyes, in alto relievo, among which birds of the gayest plumage, squirrels, and monkeys, all of china, are mingled. The chandeliers and frames of the mirrors are also of porcelain, and the effect is singularly beautiful. The floor was formerly covered in a similar style to the panels on the walls, but the King when obliged to fly from Naples intended, it is said, to remove the decoration from this chamber, and had only detached those of the floor when he was compelled to depart."

Revolution and alto relievo, tempests in teapots, bulls in china shops, squirrels and mon-

keys in porcelainwhat a picture the Countess of Blessington's description presents for the imagination to work upon! I do not for the mo-ment recall whether the indefatigable and disconcerting Tauchnitz was responsible for reviving in yellow-jacket the "Idler in Italy" or whether a copy of the old book in its first, and perhaps only edition, was



Three oval dishes or platters of Capo di Monte. From the collection in the Metropolitan Museum of Art



On both sides of this tea pot are landscapes of great beauty, banded in gold



There is great beauty in the figure decorations of these Capo di Monte pieces. The gold makes a worthy frame for them

the one which fell into my hands one rainy day when walking abroad in Naples seemed too much like assuming the skilfulness of Neptune and torrents washed down the hillside strada of the Parco Margherita just below my window.

#### A Porcelain of Naples

I am not a capricious person, but the paragraph I have just quoted suddenly revived an early interest in the old porcelain of Naples, that which bears the name of Capo di Monte. Years before, when a small boy, someone had given me a little cup bearing underneath the mark of the capital letter N with crown above. The nefarious fraud which accompanied this gift was the solemn assurance on the part of the giver—she was another boy's Sunday-school teach-

er—that the N stood for Napoleon and the Crown for Emperor. Indeed, I was shamelessly assured that the great Napoleon himself had drunk from this cup himself (lethe or nepenthe was not designated), perhaps even the Empress Josephine and, later, Maria Louisa had done likewise. I was even led to believe that the King of Rome had, in his weaning days, been fed from this very cup. Alas! a terrible thing happened. After only a week's possession of so holy a relic, a Knowing One appeared and bluntly dissipated the romance. "It is Capo di Monte, a very decent bit, but Napoleon had nothing to do with it, young man, and whoever told you that yarn is as

stupid as those who stuff children with fairy stories." That was all. I hated the Knowing One from that moment, for I loved and understood fairy stories. For the Other Boy's Sunday School Teacher I naturally lost regard. It was not, I argued, that she didn't know it was Capo di Monte, but that she should have pretended she knew it was the Emperor Napoleon's!

Nevertheless, I think, for many years at least, my opinion of the O. B.'s S. S. T. was much higher than that which I held for the Knowing One who had so broken my dream. And why, since he shattered the Napoleon myth, did he not reseat Capo di Monte with an investure of the interest and romance that surrounded it? Why didn't he take the trouble to tell me about the sourrels and monkeys in porcelain, the King in flight and all the rest of it? Why couldn't he have been as interesting as Lady Blessington? Or why could he not have told me that the "N" stood for Naples, the Crown above it indicating the royal manufactory, and that

this mark was that of the ware of the later period, as the mark FRF with Crown above had signified Fabbrica Reale di Ferdinando (King Ferdinand IV) on pieces of the second period of the Capo di Monte porcelain fabricated in the Kingdom

of Naples?

I suppose the Knowing One went his way firmly believing he had set me on the right path. That I had been brought up to try to be polite alone saved him from immediate disillusion. How ungrateful we often really are for imagined benefits conferred!

#### The Porcelain Factory

I shall thank Lady Blessington for starting me off the next day, which was a glorious one of sunshine and violets—that is the real Naples—to visit the places connected with the old porcelain manufactory and to ferret out collections that I might study them and so be brought back to a state of grace which would incline my heart to harbor a prayer for the Knowing One that his forgiveness might be found in what I might myself discover.

Down the Strada Nuova di Capodimonte I drove, as I had often driven before, but this day with a new interest. The south branch of the street at the Tondo brought me to the entrance gate of the park of Capodimonte. Getting out, a walk of sev-





White Capo di
Monte figure
group, From the
Metropolitan

Three fine pieces
of early Capo di
Monte, Courtey
of John Hatag,

A Capo di Monte figure group in white. From the Metropol:tan

Monte basin of

remarkable lines

and unusual con-



en minutes brought me to the Palace, begun by Charles III in 1738 but not finished until 1839 in the reign of Ferdinand II. Here in the Museum is an extensive and most interesting collection of Capo di Monte porcelain supplemented by a collection of imitations of later period. Here, just below the Palace a soft porcelain manufactory was established in 1742, by Charles III, who, as Duke of Parma had exchanged his coronet for the crown of the Two Sicilies. In 1738 he married a Saxon princess, but although the Prince of Ottaiano, Charles's ambassador to Vienna, secretly treated for porcelain workers to be sent to Naples, I do not think the de-

signs of Capo di Monte suggest as much German art-influence as some writers have credited them with showing. Charles was a collector of the porcelains of Saxony, the secrets of the making of which were being jealously guarded by Böttger, and he himself had determined to attempt porcelain within his new kingdom. So 'interested did he become in the venture that tradition insists he himself learned the potter's art and amused himself in this way in the roval manufactory.

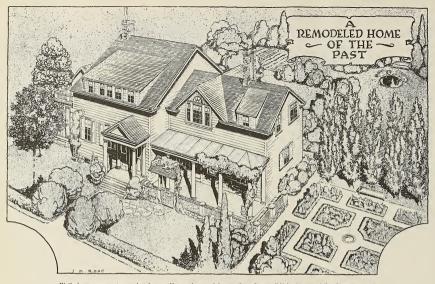
Early Period Wares In the early period white shell wares were produced, and the best pieces have a warmth of tone akin to the Fukien porcelains. Early pieces also imitated oriental wares and were marked with a Star of eight points, and a little later with varieties of a Fleur-de-lis. These were the pieces of what is designated by authorities on such matters as the First Period of Capo di Monte porcelain and they have a particular interest and charm.

Giovanni Caselli who was Charles's Director of the Capo di Monte Works in 1743 had, twenty years before, served under Francesco Farnese as 'Primo disegnatore di camei e pietre incise e primo ritrattista di miniature'' and as "Guardaroba segreto della Duchessa

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Capo di Monte cups and saucers of unusually fine decoration. In the early period of this Neapolitan art white shell ware was produced with a tone much akin to Fukien porcelains



Walk down any country road and you will pass dozens of houses that offer possibilities for remodeling into permanent homes or summer residences. The artist visualized what this house would be like when completed. Compare at with the photograph below. The changes have given it a substantial appearance and a semblance of better arthitecture

# A REMODELED HOME of the PAST

What Could Be Done to a Roadside House to Make It a Country Home

Sketches by I. M. ROSÉ

IN selecting a house for remodeling there are several points that must first be determined. First, is it in a condition that justifies remodeling? Second, how much of it requires changing?

The first point is readily determined by going over the house carefully with your architect. The second is governed by family requirements and the amount you want to spend.

An example of the possibilities in an old house is shown here. The artist selected an old house by the roadside and rebuilt it to fit the all-year requirements of a small family.

As it stood, the house was ugly and had little charm, yet the main building is good and dignified in a simple, homely way. This would make a modern home of no mean proportions, an all-year-round



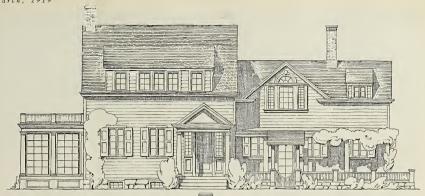
The original house has evidently twice been enlarged, once with the wing and the second time when the shingled, one-story, false-front rooms were added.

Yet it has merit worth saving and improving

home possessed of comfort and even luxury.

By cutting off the objectionable little lean-to, and extending the roof lines of the addition, a very well-balanced house plan can be evolved. The introduction of dormers, the creation of terraces, a sleeping porch, a sun room and the installation of three bathrooms with a slight rearranging of partitions, make it livable and presentable.

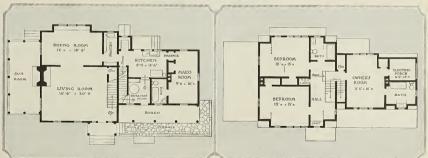
Cream paint and emerald green trim will enhance its charm, but the house is all too flagrantly exposed to the public view. It needs lavish planting to make the most of what is there; but the ground is level and slopes graciously, there are a few good trees, and there is every indication of a soil well adapted to luxuriant growth. This embellishment is an essential part of the reconstruction.





As improved, the house has a sun room added, a wide dormer breaks the roof and the entrance is turned and given a new hood. The addition is carried out beyond the chimney line and a Palladian window inserted

At one end has been added a sun porch that can be glassed in for all-year use. Doors from the living and dining rooms give access and there are rear steps to the garden. The two windows light bedrooms



A living room lighted on two sides and with a fireplace occupies a corner of the first floor. The dining room is behind this, facing the garden. In the wing is a breakfast alcove, kitchen and maid's room





Upstairs two bedrooms are provided in the main part of the house with a bath and hall. The wing is taken up by an owner's suite of bedroom, bath and sleeping porch. All rooms have plenty of light and ventilation



# THE TRUE WILD GARDEN

A Successful Garden of Wild Flowers Is Not a Garden at All, but Rather a Stage of Nature's Setting—A Few of the Principles Which Underlie Its Creation

#### ROBERT S. LEMMON

Photographs by J. H. Field

IT cannot be made by man's hand alone, the real wild garden. As the artist fails to transmit through brush and oils the strange magic of the moonbeam, or the sun-light's full gaiety and warmth, so the flower gardener fails to reconstruct the indefinable charm of wild flowers in any setting which savors of the artificial. You can have the most perfectly designed, artfully planted and immaculately maintained rock garden in the world, and if it seems made it will never have the appeal of even a single cluster of he patica blossoms catching the blue of the late March sky among sun-warmed hillside boulders.

Discouraging? By no means. A true wild garden is impossible except when Nature alone has made it? No, not that. My contention is merely

that you and Nature must work together if your garden of wildlings is to be a complete success; that Nature's cues must always be followed; that while you may choose many of the actors, and plan the rough setting of the stage, the details and fine touches which spell perfection must be in her hands alone.

ture's frequent contrasts between plant and setting. Wild violets in May



If we stop to consider why any given flower appeals to us, we shall usually find that it does so first because of one of two qualities: delicacy, and some peculiarly striking appearance or habit. Often these are combined, as in the trailing arbutus, the purple fringed orchid standing lone and sentinel-like in the dark woods, the carpet of squirrel-corn spread across the floor of winter-worn leaves. The evening primrose, too, is a remarkable example of such a combination. To the etherial beauty and fragrance of its blossoms is added their habit of opening at dusk, when the gloom masks their somewhat ungraceful stalks and full attention can be centered on the uncurling petals.

But if we go somewhat deeper than these first impressions, we come upon one underlying reason which is practically universal among the attractive wild flowers. This is nothing more or less than the contrast between plant and surroundings.

Look for a moment at the photograph of the larkspur on the opposite page. How effective is the contrast between those expectantly poised little blossoms and the harsh bareness of the ground about them! Or take the trilliums, and the single anemone below them—both of unmatched whiteness and youth, springing from the very base of an age-old tree. And the violets, too, delicately fragrant and fragile



Its odd form draws attention to the wild mandrake, waxen flowered beneath sheltering leaves

in the lee of their guardian boulder—is not contrast one of their chief charms? Shooting-star and squirrel-corn, rock fern and columbine, saxifrage and mountain pink—these and many other wild plants demonstrate clearly in their natural haunts the power of contrast. Remove them to delicate surroundings, to the marked evidences of artificiality, and they lose charm immeasurably.

And then there is the appeal of color contrast—scarlet lobelias against the dark banks of the woodland stream; bluets spangling the green of the meadow; the white saucers of sanguinaria on brown March hillsides. It has been said that Nature's colors never clash. However that may be, there is no doubt that she continually achieves marvelous combinations of complementary tones.

In the actual making of the wild garden you should keep these principles in mind and apply them as the occasion warrants. Whatever the site, flowers should be chosen which would naturally grow there — forced effects always look forced. Not only would the unnatural plant appear out of place, but it would refuse to thrive in nine cases out of ten. Fitness is the thing; almost any wild flower, vine, shrub or tree will succeed if properly transplanted to the right environment.

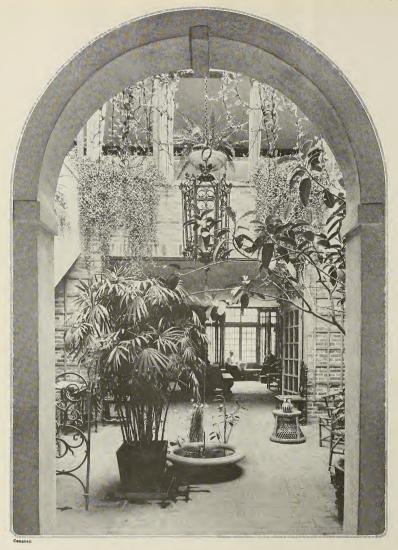
Too frequently those who would have such a garden of native plants create for it an air of cultivation, of having

been planted. This can be done only at the expense of much of the very charm which is being sought. While the surroundings chosen must sometimes of necessity be created, yet if the chief features are copied from some actual situation which you have seen in your country rambles, they will in time take on the appearance of having always been there—will become in their entirety 'a perfect representation of Nature's landscaping. To attain this result you must start right, studying carefully the possibilities of the situation, laying the foundations only after the conception as a whole is well in mind, and then, when the planting is complete, letting the garden grow into a wild thing without interference from you.

#### Study Before You Start

Go out into the woods and fields and marshlands when the first alder catkins redden the brookside; when the coral and gold caps of the columbine dot the rock ledges; when in the damp aisles among the trees the orange lilies are blooming and the great pink heads of the mallows make gay the August meadows; when the cardinal flower flames along the stream banks and the early wild asters are opening; when the autumn's full glory of leaf and stem and grass blade is at its height along the fencerows. Go out at these times and to these places, and if you see instead of merely look you will learn many things which cannot be taught in magazines or books. You will learn how in-variably the setting supplements the flower, and how Nature alone perfects the picture.

Thus should it be in your own wild garden. To make the right start and then let Nature be the head gardener—these are your aims. It is by such roads that you will come to success.



### A PATIO GARDEN in BOSTON

Somehow, you don't expect a tropical patio garden in Boston. It comes as a pleasant surprise. The pink brick walls and red flooring, the cement stairs leading to the gallery, the little fountain set low in the floor,

the great wrought iron lantern swung from the ceiling, the trailing vines and young palm groves, the Far East rattan furniture—all combine to make a room of rare beauty. Harry B. Russell, architect March, 1919

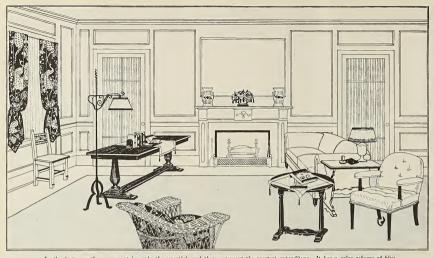
There is intriguing architectural detail on this side of the patio. The stairs climb up past great steps that spill their trailing vines. The little casement window and the angel suggest an Arabian Nights' romance. And the doorway and balcony are exquisite

Along the opposite side runs a gallery with its vine-swept rim. Here too a little angel floats complacently against the white vail. From this view one can appreciate the unusual beauty of the wrought iron lantern. The color of the cement is rose gray









In the first year the room contains only the essentials and these represent the greatest expenditure. It has a color scheme of blue and mulberry. Each piece is selected for its permanent value, good workmanship and lasts. The cost the first year figuring on current prizes plus the cost of making curtains, etc., amounts to \$525.16

#### THE THIRD YEAR LIVING ROOM

How the Bride and the Beginning Housewife Can Build Up a Room of Permanent Furnishings in the Best Taste

#### AGNES FOSTER WRIGHT

THE vagueness of a bride is only equalled by the charm of that vagueness.

Could anything be less romantic than a matter of fact, common-sense, knowwhat-she-wants bride!

I find the average bride, when she commences to furnish her new home, first buys something pretty, then buys something else pretty, then buys something "awfully cute"—and with these as a foundation begins to furnish. The first purchase is a lamp and shade, the second a sofa cushion and the third an "awfully cute" desk set. It's such an ungrateful task to jerk her down to earth by formulated furnishing and statements of cost. However—

Taking an average size room and average size windows I plan to furnish it, so that in three years we have a really handsome, adequate living room. It will arrive at that state through careful, deliberate purchasing. In the end it is complete, although additions may be made, as one's family and means grow.

The first year the initial outlay is considerable. The essentials are in every case of first class quality; for instance, the couch is of down and hair, but we economize by covering it in





Over-mante! painting to match room costs \$115

Flat Italian vases, for the mantel piece, at \$16



black Parma sateen, which is a heavy twilled variety of upholsterer's sateen, excellent and adequate for the purpose, costing \$1.80 a yard and taking ten yards in all.

The second year the expenditure is comparatively small, first because we are just getting over the expense of the first year and also because of the possible advent of a baby. The third year we finish the furnishing by the permanent hangings and covering and carpet. From then on, it is a matter of non-essential additions.

We presuppose the room to have a fireplace, two French doors and two sash windows. The walls are a light buff color.

For a rug we buy sixteen yards of excellent quality taupe carpeting at \$4 a yard and have the stripes sewed into a 9' x 12' rug. That gives a nice foundation, and in the third year, when we buy a chenille rug, this carpeting can be remade into bedroom rugs, or hall runners.

The curtains are made of a smart glazed imported chintz, peacock design in blue and mulberry on a black background, and the color shows splendidly with the light coming through the de-

sign. They need not be lined. They are bound with the best quality taffeta to withstand sun wear: curtains should never be bound in a cheap quality of any material. While not essential, little taffeta tie-backs would add to the smartness of the curtains. The chintz costs \$1.90 and it needs eight vards, since there are no hems, for the two windows, and three-quar-ters of a yard of 50" taffeta costs \$4.50. Making and fixtures cost \$10, but this is an item which the bride should strike off as she should make them herself. She can also make the beige scrim curtains. two yards long, for the French doors for which she should pay about 32 cents a yard, costing \$2.56 and for under curtains costing \$3.

On the 6' Parma sateen covered couch put two chintz pillows to



match the curtains with a 3/4" binding of the taffeta left from the curtains. These two will cost complete \$11. At the end of the couch put an Italian walnut table at \$18.50 with a rose lamp and parchment shade which should cost \$17.50. This completes the sofa group on one side of the fireplace.

Opposite it goes a 6' long narrow oak or walnut table costing \$95, the center of which could be used as a desk, with a black glass desk set, costing \$8. A straight Italian chair in walnut and antique gold to use by the table as a desk chair costs \$22.50, and is heavy and firm, suitable for a man. On the table put magazines and books and a large jar of shiny laurel leaves, which add an awfully nice note to a room. At the end of the table put a large comfortable wicker chair, enameled



Italian walnut desk and chair are added in the second year. \$110 complete



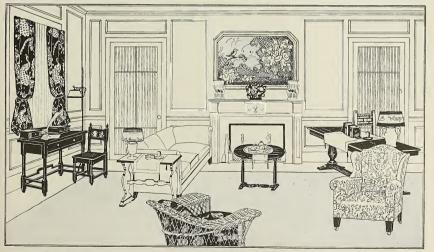
Wing - chair for the second year. In plain velvet it may be had for 887



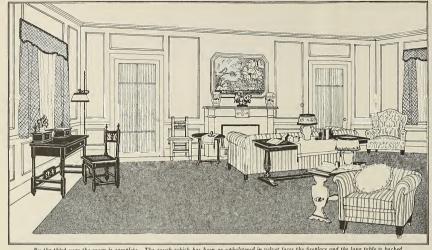
straight chair with dull gold showing in the carving, \$22.50



The first year wicker chair cost \$25, upholstered in glazed chintz. black



In the second year the couch and table change position. The additions are a desk and desk chair, an upholstered wing-chair, and an over-mantel painting—the one extraugance of the year—to give rich color to the walls. The "Polly" chair is sent upstairs where, with a chaise longing, it will halp complete the jurnishings of a bedroom. The cost this year is \$343.50



By the third year the room is complete. The couch which has been re-upholstered in volvet faces the fireplace and the long table is backed to it. The wicker chair goes out on the porch. Carpeting is supplanted by a chealler rug, and the carpeting used in one of the bedrooms.

The curlains are now of rich multipery damask and the old curlains moved upstars. Expenditures this year, \$497.52

black, with seat and back cushion in the glazed chintz. This costs complete \$25. It is comfortable and while not elegant is adequate and later will be useful on the porch or upstairs. Between the lamp and chair place a wrought iron adjustable standing lamp in black and dull gold with a parchment shade. This will throw a light for the person who reads in the chair or writes at the table desk, and costs complete \$31.50.

In the right hand corner between the window and the hall door a low coffee or

tea table in walnut and gold is placed beside a low "Polly with a Past" chair, upholstered in Parma sateen piped in blue sateen, costing \$30 for the chair and taking 1 1/3 vards of the Parma sateen to cover. The cost of the revolving drop leaf table is \$18.50. This makes a nice group for sewing and can easily be moved up by the couch in serving coffee or tea.

On the mantel are two flat Italian vases for \$16, which, with the addition of a bowl of flowers in the center, make a sufficient over-mantel ornamentation. I have not mentioned the fixtures for the fireplace



The first curtains are glazed chintz in blue, mulberry and buff on black. 31" wide, \$1.90 a yard

Part of the first year jurnishing consists of a "Polly" chair upholstered in black sateen, \$32.40, a revolving top coffee table, \$18.50, and lamp, \$17.50

antique finish is used for third year curtains. It costs \$9.75 a yard, 50" wide

as one person likes a coal basket, another a hob-grate and another andirons.

Thus we have the room complete for the first year, adding, of course, the personal touches of flowers, baskets, pictures, books and magazines. Book-cases should be built-in.

#### The Second Year

The second year we change the position of the couch and sofa, as the desk and table do not look well near one another, and we add a

high-backed upholstered chair in mulberry striped velvet to repeat the color in the chintz. The chair costs \$60 and the upholstery \$6.75 and it takes four yards. The little "Polly" chair goes up into one of the bedrooms where, with recovering, it matches a chaise longue.

We add at the window a real desk and desk chair this second year. These are in walnut with interesting hand-carving on the back. The desk costs \$78 and the chair \$32 and nothing could be nicer than these as in adding

to our furnishing we keep in mind to purchase only the best things. So far there has been nothing cheap and second rate. The wrought iron lamp is moved over by the desk, and we replace it by an Italian pottery lamp on the table with a shade of striking design, complete \$25. On the table we put a linen and hand-made lace scarf at \$5.50 as the desk set has been removed.

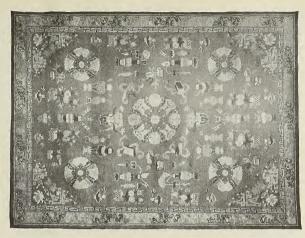
And now, for the one extravagance of the year we add an over-mantel painting of flowers toned in mulberry and blue green to harmonize with the color scheme. It is copied from an old museum

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A faithful reproduction of a Chmese antique rug of the Kien Lung period has a ground color of imperial yellow with beautiful design in dark, light blue, peach blow and ivory. Rugs such as this may be had in any shape, size or color effect, at prices ranging from \$35 a sq. yard up, according to quality



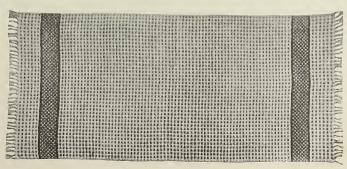
### CARPETS and RUGS

These may be purchased through the House & Garden Shopping Service, 19 West 44th Street, New York City





An Axminster carpeting with a Chinese design in blue and fawn on gold, \$6 a yard; the border is priced at \$3.25 a yard



Wilton carpeting in Chinese design of gold on black ground, black on crimson, or black on green, 34 yard wide at \$6.50 a yard

(Center) Selfstriped carpeting in taupe, tête de nègre, red an d deep purple, 34 of a yard wide, \$6.50 a yard A bedroom rug comes in all wool check. Rose and cream, blue and cream and black and cream. \$5.60 a sq. yard

# THE HUMORISTS and LANDSCAPISTS of JAPANESE PAINTING

What Matahei, Korin, Sosen, Yeisen and Buncho Accomplished

W. G. BLAIKIE MURDOCH



Matsumura Keibun Early 19th Century

THE Japanese portraitists and hieratic artists mostly painted on silk, but the historians, the humorists and the landscapists generally worked on a thin, transparent paper, so absorbent that, be the brush pressed the least thing too heavily, the paint will at once spread in many undesired directions. Nor can work of this sort

be altered by washing, or scraping, as with Western media, which difficulty proved grandly bracing to the Japanese, just as a difficult metre stimulates a poet's ingenuity; "Why, this is not drawing but inspiration," said Constable, on first seeing Blake's sketches; and owing in some degree to that very difficulty in the means

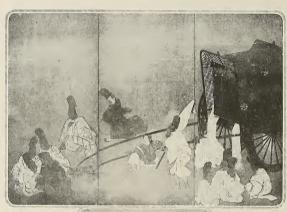
whereby they were fashioned, the best Japanese landscapes seem the inspirations themselves; a straightforward reincarnation of what the artists felt.

The genius of these men was for capturing the enchanted aspect which things present to eyes stirred momentarily by emotion: their art is great because rich in that mystery whose lack, as observed before, is frequently salient in the hieratic paintings. And, indeed, it is a lack of this sort, a want of aloofness, which is the most frequent weakness in all Japanese art other than landscape, the genre in particular being too often only a prodigy of skill in realism, a marvel of decorative ability.

#### The Patronage of Hideyoshi

It speaks eloquently for the dynamite-like nature of strong personality that such a wealth of fine painting should have been done in the time of the Ashikayas. Be-





The Romance of Genji Monogotari, by Oharugoko



Realistic study of a heron executed by Tan-an



Rabbits by Matsumura Keibun. Early 19th Century

cause, despite their own love of art, their rule was really the antithesis of conducive to artistic achievement. Nearly each of them was signally incapable of keeping the country free from fierce civil wars, and it was this chaos which gave Hidevoshi his chance, at the close of the 16th Century, enabling him to take the helm

into his hands. In sharp contradistinction to most autocrats, he had a keen taste for art; and, when his fortunes were nearing their apogee, he marked the promise of a poor young artist, Sanraku, whom he asked one Yeitoku to take into his studio as a pupil, Hideyoshi himself paying the requisite fees. Afterwards, when he

built his palace of Momo Yama at Kyoto, Sanraku was the man chiefly asked for decorations there, his outstanding exploit being some mural paintings of hunting scenes, splendidly vitalised. And so great was the fame won by these works that, when Hideyoshi was dead, and all who had served him were regarded as traitors, Sanraku was pardoned.

#### Art and the New Rulers

Under the Tokugawas, Japan commenced to experience a welcome tranquility, among the results being that, whereas hitherto there had been few buyers of secular art save the nobility, for these alone had enough money, there was now a quick increase of wealth with the trading classes, followed by much art patronage on their part. Hence there came into vogue the painting of pictures on screens, as too on the sliding doors hiding cupboards, or forming partitions between room partitions par



"Girls at Play," a happy print by Eitaku Kobaiashi

these kinds being a hard paper, which lent itself to minute draughtsmanship. And since many of the new art-patrons, in eagerness to flaunt their wealth, desired houses characterized by gorgeousness, it became customary to paint the backgrounds of the screens completely with gold.

#### Yusho

It is one of the prime glories of Japanese artists, that, employing this mode which in endless hands would have yielded only the grandiloquent, they almost invariably achieved instead the grand, flowers being the theme with which they were most successful on the glowing

repoussoir. A glance at some of them will repay.

A prince among men thus engaged was Yusho, who had worked along with Sanraku in Yeitoku's studio; while the early years of the 17th century witnessed the painting of singularly delicate landscapes by Kano Koi, whose pupils included Tanyu, famous alike as animal-painter, landscapist, and poet. He is one of the comparatively few great Japanese masters of whom there is an authentic portrait, this work being in the Imperial University, Tokio; and showing an amxious, nervous, emotional person, it hints too at an exceptionally lovable disposition.

Sesshiu thought to improve his skill by going to China, and, in many Japanese artists subsequent to his time, there is seen still that old

tendency to look admiringly to the Middle Kingdom as a guide in technique, Tanyu being however virtually the last Japanese of true might inclining thus. Just after

A portrait of Mukashi No Tenno, painted on silk by an unknown artist





"Boats on the Sumida," done on silk by Moronobu



"Kwannon," by Mokkei, at Daitokuji near Kyoto

his day, there was a marked increase in the output of historical pictures, a brilliant adept in such being Mitsuki, who, in the ardour of his admiration for his remote predecessor, Tosa Mitsunobu, claimed to be that master's lineal descendant.

#### Matahei

But by far the greatest Japanese painter of the mid-1600's was Matahei, keenly alive to the charm of his country's characteristic domestic utensils. and drawing these things with a loving precision, often, in his studies of ordinary people, merely eating or drinking, reading, writing or playing games in their homes None of his compa-

triots, before him, had made an art comparable with his from matter of this sort. And it can hardly be doubted that, in showing thus how lofty a beauty might be evolved from humble domesticities, he was a vast incentive to the far-famed woodcut men, who, starting work very soon after his time, called their prints "Pictures of the floating world", that is, the scenes of the passing hour. Their style of workmanship, in many cases, is literally an echo of his, Matahei's screens always reflecting, nevertheless, a fine deliberateness, largely foreign to his imitators.

#### Moronobu and Korin

Of the painters studying with him, much the best was Moronobu, who had begun life as a designer in an embroidery shop, and with whom a favorite topic was the Sumida river, with its modey pageant of boats; (Continued on page 66)

A portrait of the poet Ariwara No Narihara, by Iwasa Matahei



These two kakemono studies of monkeys by Mori Sosen show both the realism and humor of that Japanese artist. Sosen lived until 1821



#### CANE and BUSH FRUITS for the KITCHEN GARDEN

Some Reasons for Taking Them Up in a Serious Way and Granting Them the Attention They Deserve in the Well Balanced Garden of Utility

#### G. T. HUNTINGTON

I N the planning of even a modest kitchen garden the desirability of the small fruits—currants, raspberries, blackberries, etc.,—is often overlooked. The thoughts of beginners especially are prone to center on vegetables, to the exclusion of the berries, which, while of perhaps less nourishing value, are nevertheless highly important articles of diet.

The requirements of these cane and bush fruits are not exacting. Any fairly sunny, well drained soil which will produce a good general vegetable crop will be suitable. Such necessary care as spraying, pruning, mulching, etc., is easily given and amounts to little enough compared with that which the regular vegetable garden demands. As for the fruit itself, it will be of better quality and much less expensive than you can buy in market. Finally, it is possible on almost every place to find room for a few plants of small fruits along the edges of the paths, boundary fences or in some out-of-the-way corner which could not well be utilized for anything else. So, on the whole, the pro arguments far outway the con.

#### Laying Plans

As soon in the spring as the ground is dry enough to crumble is the time to plant. The stock should be ordered, therefore, at once; but before deciding what to get you should look the ground over carefully and decide exactly how much space will be available. In doing this the following planting distances should be kept in mind.

Raspberries ought to be planted 3' or 4' apart in the row; blackberries and dewberries, 5'; currants, 4'; gooseberries, 5'. If only a single row is to be planted, perhaps along a fence or at the edge of the garden, these figures will suffice. If, however, you decide upon two or more parallel rows, you must allow an average distance of 6' between the rows, to allow room for you to move about comfortably while attending to the cultivation, picking, etc.

Deciding what sorts to plant is naturally governed largely by personal preference for certain kinds of fruit. The space may therefore be allotted as best suits you, and until that is done the selection of varieties of the different things may be postponed.

All of the good nurseries supply varieties of small fruits in great numbers. It would be out of the ques-



Just to show its productiveness, the worms were allowed to defoliate this gooseberry bush and expose the fruit

tion to set down here anything like a comprehensive list of these, but you will not go far wrong if you make your choices from among the following:

Raspberries: The King (extra early);

Cuthbert; Columbian; Reliance; St. Regis Everbearing; Cardinal; Palmer (black); Golden Queen (yellow).

Blackberries: Mercereau (early); Early Harvest; Early King; Snyder. Currants: Perfection; Fay's Prolific;

Lee's Prolific (black); White Grape.

Dewberries: Premo (early); Lucretia. Dewberries ripen somewhat earlier than raspberries, but in other respects are quite similar to them.

Gooseberries: Industry (English va-riety well suited to our climate); Houghton's Seedling; Downing; Golden Prolific.

#### Planting and Pruning

A liberal amount of well rotted manure dug into the soil where the plants are to go will prove a paying investment for higher quality fruit. For blackberries and

raspberries, too, you must provide stakes, a trellis or some other support for their long, slender canes, but the gooseberries and currants need nothing of this sort.

When setting out the raspberries and blackberries, cut off the shoots close to the ground, leaving only one or two "eyes" (Continued on page 80)

Gooseberries are easily grown and deserve a place in the small fruit border. They are gen-erally made into jam



Burying the long canes of black-berries and raspberries is a good plan to protect them from dam-age by winter winds and cold

Before covering the canes with earth they should be carefully bent down to the ground parallel to the direction of the row

#### STARTING THE GARDEN

The Importance of Early Planting and How It Can Be Made Successful— Hotbed Use and a Discussion of Soil Enrichment

#### WILLIAM C. McCOLLOM

ARDENS to be successful must be started at the proper time. All other garden essentials may be perfect, but if you fail to sow the seed when you should, you are certain to fail.

Many of our best vegetables require the early start provided by the greenhouse or hotbed, or as a substitute the more troublesome but none the less productive method of starting the garden in the dwelling. Those fortunate enough to have a greenhouse usually have someone qualified to sow their seeds, but thousands of our home gardens where hotbed and dwelling are used for this purpose have no specially trained talent and it is to this class of readers that the present article is addressed.

#### How to Sow Seeds

When starting seeds in the greenhouse or dwelling, boxes, seed pans, old tin cans or any receptacle with tight sides to retain the soil may be used. The bottoms must have some openings to allow the water to pass through, as the soil should retain only that moisture which its physical makeup will allow it to hold. Where proper drainage is not provided "damping off" is certain to collect its toll of seedlings. This is caused by a small parasitical growth which breeds in soils that are overwatered or poorly ventilated.

The openings in the seed pans or "flats," as they are often called, should be covered with about 1" of coarse cinders or like substance, and to protect this from filling with soil it in turn must be covered with moss, hay or other rough material. Just a thin layer is all that is needed to prevent the soil from clogging up the drainage. The seed box can be filled with soil, level with the top; when firmed this will come to the proper distance from the rim to allow for watering.

Loose, sluggish soils do not drain properly, so firm the soil well in the "flat." Then make the real bed for the seed by sifting on the surface about ½" of topsoil. The surface of this should be made level with a seed tamp or any smooth faced tool. In sowing, tear one corner from the seed packet and holding almost flat scatter the seed thinly on the surface by shaking it gently. A little practice will soon make anyone perfect in this method, which is preferred to sowing in drills because it equalizes the spacing of the seedlings.

How deep must you sow the seeds? The general rule is twice their diameter—but don't get a scale rule and a magnifying glass and start to measure the thickness of lettuce seed! A little judgment is sometimes worth a great deal of exactness. After sowing press the seeds into the surface or they will move constantly during the covering, making it almost impossible to cover them evenly. The covering is done by sifting on the surface a light layer of soil. The pan



Pots or shallow boxes may be used for seed sowing in the house. Plenty of drainage material is necessary



Fiber or moss placed over the drainage material will prevent the earth settling and clogging it up



The seeds are scattered on the surface of the soil. At the right is a pot with the seedlings above ground



Press the seeds down before covering them lightly with soil. The bottom of a tumbler does this work well

can then be placed in a light window and well watered (in the greenhouse shading is practiced but is not necessary in the home).

Young plants do not need abundance of nourishment. The soil for seeding purposes must be light in texture to assure drainage, poor in fertility to produce a hardened growth, but adhesive enough so that it will adhere to the roots when transplanting. A good mixture can be made up by using equal parts of good turfy top soil well chopped or forced through a coarse screen, leaf mold either natural or prepared, and clean sharp sand. Do not under any circumstances add manure or other fertilizer to the seeding composit.

#### Subsequent Handling

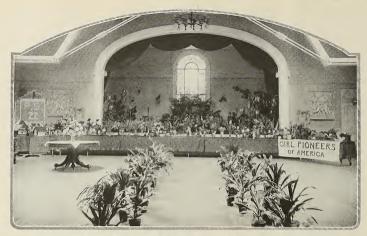
When the young plants have started to develop their first character leaf they must be transplanted. If this is not attended to at the proper time the young plants will become soft and of little value. Boxes should be prepared as suggested for seed sowing, though it is advisable to give the plants some nourishment. Well rotted cow or stable manure is preferred for this purpose; it should be run through a screen and about 10% added to the compost. The boxes or pans should be filled level and then firmed with the fingers.

The seedlings can be lifted for transplanting by prying beneath them with any flat instrument such as a table knife. Do not have the seed pan dry for this operation or the roots will be broken. To plant, make openings in the prepared boxes with a sharpened lead pencil or knitting needle; the opening can be made any size desired by twisting the pencil in a circle. Drop the roots of the seedling into the opening, setting the plant just a trifle deeper than it was in the seed bed. The soil can be pressed into contact with the roots by making another opening directly alongside the one used for planting. The box should be watered immediately to settle the earth around the roots and can then be placed in the window, shading for a few hours during the middle of the day until the young plants are established. It is also advisable to stir the surface of the soil with a sharpened stick to prevent it souring and to admit air to the soil.

#### Building and Starting a Hotbed

A portable frame of some kind is a very necessary piece of garden furniture. There are few periods in the entire year when such a frame is not only useful but quite necessary, its first use being for the starting of the garden seeds. For this service the frame is converted into a hotbed, as follows: Excavate the earth to a depth of 2' and not less than 1' outside the lines of the frame. This hole can be filled

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Staging a successful garden show demands study, care and plenty of hard work. Crowding of exhibits should always be avoided, and a logical and artistic arrangement is essential. In this case an excellent and consistent feature was the school children's exhibit of bird houses

#### PLANNING A SUCCESSFUL GARDEN SHOW

How One Garden Club Worked Out the Problem and Carried It Through—Suggestions and Definite Rules Which Are Based on Practical Experience

#### OLIVE HYDE FOSTER

THE widespread interest in war gardens last year stimulated the growing of new and rare varieties of both flowers and vegetables even by people who never before had attempted gardening. Many became enthused, despite the excessive heat, to the point of steady and prolonged effort to excel, and neighbors vied with each other in producing the finest specimens possible. Naturally, then, garden shows enjoyed a fresh impetus, and wherever given were well patronized, resulting in increased interest in growing and the determination to make next year's product even better and finer. Consequently we may expect to find the garden show more popular the coming season than ever before.

#### Launching the Idea

As the first step in the cooking of a hare is the catching of that animal, so the first work towards a garden show is the growing of the products to be exhibited. This necessitates planning the event months in advance, that people interested can inform themselves and prepare to show the very best they can raise. "Why, that six-pound egg-plant of mine I looked at the last thing at night and the first thing in the morning," exclaimed one enthusiast, "I was so afraid something would happen to it, I watched it like a baby!"

Thus at the very start of the season the Garden Club to which I belong devoted the first of its fortnightly meetings to the consideration of what should be grown for the June Show, with special reference to the kinds best adapted to our soil and climatic conditions. Our president, herself a most successful gardener, told of her personal experiences, failures and successes; others added their suggestions, and every one made copious notes. We were asked to specialize in some particular kind of flower, to grow as many varieties of that as possible, and to keep a record of the result, with date of planting, amount of cultivation, and the cost of maintaining a garden. Also to keep a record of dealers patronized, fertility of seeds, quality of bulbs, plants and shrubs purchased, and resulting skitisfaction. As a second show was scheduled for September, this would mean a whole season's data.

For an exhibition so early in the season, especially when following a most backward spring, we could not count much on annuals, for all the flowers had to be grown by the exhibitor. This left us dependent on the early perennials, shrubs, tuberous plants and roses. How everybody cultivated! Beds were enriched, plants and bushes sprayed, larkspurs staked, roses disbudded. Our second meeting was given over to a lecture by a well-known authority on the growing of perennials, just as another well-known florist had previously talked to us on the special cultivation of the iris. Each and every member was looking eagerly forward to what she would be likely to have ready by the middle of June.

As the appointed day drew near, the actual work of giving the show demanded time attention. Committees had to be appointed with reference to the special adaptability of each person to do the work to be assigned. Those with recognized executive ability looked after engaging the hall, advertising the affair, ordering display tables, arranging for outside exhibits of a suitable nature, and soliciting refreshments for the "Tea-garden", which was to be improvised on the stage. (Garden shows, like all other entertainments, involve considerable outlay of money, and we were determined to make ours at least pay for itself.) Those having the technical knowledge-and they are always few!--planned the class form book under the supervision of Mrs. Elsie Tarr Smith. and the club botanist devoted days to compiling a booklet that would provide for the offerings of the smallest amateur grower as well as the one with the skilled gardener and a big estate at her command. Entry tags also had to be printed, and the ribbons for the different awards.

Copies of the class form book were mailed to the members in plenty of time to be studied, and contained the following information:

#### Rule

The competitions of the Club are open to all Club members.

Plants, flowers, fruits and vegetables must have been grown by the exhibitor. Exceptions: wild flowers and table decorations.

Each exhibit must be taken to the entry desk to be entered and tagged before being staged. Each exhibit must be properly tagged with the name and variety. Three entries by different exhibitors will

Three entries by different exhibitors will make a class, in which case an award will be made.

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#### A LITTLE PORTFOLIO OF GOOD INTERIORS





Of these two bedrooms, which are in the residence of James Howe. Eag., at St. Louis, the top one has a background of cream walls. The rug is old blue and the chair and chaise longue in the same shade. Furniture is wory. Curtains of flowered linen bound with the latest and cream net against the glass. The master's bedroom has gray painted furniture with rose and blue flower decorations. The walls are cream panels. A dark rose arg repeats the color of the day bed upholstery. The pillow is gold taffeta with raffles of blue, rose and gold. Cartains are gray taffeta with rose and blue binding. Warfield Shop, decorators

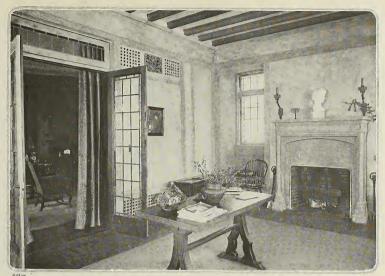


The music room in the Boston residence, other views of which are on pages 32 and 33, is furnished with Italian antiques and upholstery in light green damask. The ceiling is rough gray plaster and open beams, the walls salmon brick



In the living hall of the same residence antique furniture, wrought iron and tapestries have been effectively placed. The refectory table is covered with dull green brocade and bears tall silver candlesticks. A church lamp, wired for modern uses, hangs above

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There is great beauty in rough plaster for a room, especially when combined with open beams, a stone mantel, terra cotta inserts and serving as a background for oak furniture. From the G. W. Davison residence, Greenwich, Ct. A. L. Harmon, architect



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A combination of lacquer furniture and walls covered in a gay design of flowers and birds makes an interesting bedroom in the residence of Joseph
Thomas at Middleburg, Virginia. A point of particular interest is the set-in bookcases at each side of the bed recess

#### THE BEDROOM for MIDDLE AGE

Its Color Schemes and Furniture

#### ETHEL DAVIS SEAL

WE hear so much wat to furnish the airy, fairy bedroom for the fluffy young thing; we deeply concern ourselves with the bride's boudoir and her proverbial fondness for pink. But who gives a thought to the vagaries of the middleaged?

Mother's room is taken for granted like history, and what does it matter if Aunt Susan's bedroom provides a somewhat incongruous setting for her moss rose cheeks and gowns of gray?

But all this depends upon the point of view. Though there is always a certain interest in helping the young-for it is true that a very young girl desires possessions; she is charmed with her newly found place in the sun; that anything can exist solely for her, even a room, fills her with joy; and the first vague glimmer of some day having a home of her own is crystallized in planning the color, the curtains and the carpet of her own room at home. . . Still, the young girl has a universal personality: she fits with surprising ease into many settings, and if her choice falls in with rose or with green, she will look back at herself with equal enthusiasm from her mirror.

The young bride, too, has not so very much to gain or lose in the handling of her room. Usu-

ally, if clever, she strives for a setting that will interpret her as she wishes to be in her husband's eyes. But here we find more a defining of her desires than what she has yet grown to be. No matter how completely furnished, the room is still in the making.

#### What the 40's Want

But the room of the woman of middle age, ah! here is the problem! The woman who has known life, fought battles, carried away scars, who has grown into fullness of character, learned the depth of beauty, and that which abides. . . Can you see a woman like this content with bare mahagany and blue, or in the midst of a room done in yellow? Rather consider how full of personality and charm her room could be if developed. Such softness of background, the mellowed restfulness (Continued on page 70)





For hangings is suggested a cretonne of peacock, buff and mulberry or peacock, black and old rose, 31", \$2.50 a yard; for upholstery, striped linen of the same colors, \$1.25

An interesting extra chair comes in a cottage design and costs, undecorated, \$\$84.50. The walls of the room would be plain and the rug a greenish-gray Wilton

The furniture for a middle-aged bedroom might consist of such a suite as the singu pieces, which include bed, might stand, chest of drawers and dressing mirror; \$118. It comes in brown, blue, gray and tvory. The upholstered chair is a special shape at \$42; the linen shaped covering would be extra, requiring about five yards of 31" striped material.



#### THE KITCHEN CABINET - "THE MIXING CENTER"

Eliminating Steps and Extra Work, the Cabinet Reduces Kitchen Activities to a Reasonable Pleasure

EVA NAGEL WOLF

As the housekeeper becomes wiser the kitchen grows smaller, until there is room only for the necessary equipment. Contrast the old fashioned kitchen with the culinary department of the modern home. Not a utensil in sight, vet witness the dispatch with which a meal can be prepared-not an unnecessary step or mo-

To effect such a result the various "centers" must be grouped so that there is little space intervening. The "mixing center" must be in close proximity to the "cooking center" and the "cleaning center" but a step away.

By the 'mixing center" is meant the place where all the necessary utensils and nonperishable foods are assembled for prepa-

ration before cooking or serving. Such a "place" is the kitchen cabinet,

#### Cabinet Advantages

Whereas heretofore the cook was obliged to walk around the kitchen, she now remains in one spot. In mixing a cake, for instance, she lights the oven, collects on a tray the butter. eggs and milk from the refrigerator, carries it to the cabinet and does not move from her stool until the cake is ready for the oven.



The unit cabinet in white enamel steel offers the advantages of being absolutely rat and vermin proof. It can be added to and the enamel is indestructible. Courtesy of Janes & Kirtland

About twenty-five years ago the first kitchen cabinet was made. Many improvements have been added, of course, but the purpose is the same. No kitchen can pretend to be modern without a cabinet.

To install a cabinet in an old-fashioned kitchen is the first step towards modernizing it. The amount of space conserved and the number of steps eliminated, in housing in one place the numerous things necessary to prepare the inevitable three meals a day, is sufficient excuse for any housewife to order one immediately.

In selecting a kitchen cabinet one should not make the mistake of purchasing one too small. It is better to measure the available room in your kitchen and order one to fill that space. Remember it is to be the sani tary and dustproof home of all non-perishable foods and all necessary utensils. If expense is no object select a white en-ameled steel cabinet; it is a joy to look at and will add distinction to your kitchen. However, the oak cabinets, white enameled inside, steam and waterproof finished outside are counterparts of the de luxe white ones. An aluminum or porcelain table, as one prefers, divides the cabinet into two portions. The table can

#### The Division of Space

The space above the table is divided into two portions; the lower part contains bins for flour and sugar. The tilting flour bin is provided with a patent sifter which differs in the various models. Invariably the sugar bin is made of glass. The intervening space is filled with glass jars containing tea, coffee, spices, measuring cups and bowls, according to the size of



The doors of the cabinet to the right slide back in the fashion of a roll-top desk. Pot shelves and extra working board slide out. Accommoda-tion is afforded for extra dishes and preserves. Courtesy of the Hoosier Manufacturing Co.

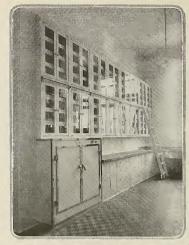


the cabinet. The method of opening the doors of this particular portion of the cabinet differs in each model. The intelligent housekeeper realizes immediately that when the doors are opened there will be more working space added to the table area, so it is necessary to get rid of the doors when the cabinet is to be used as a mixing center. Consequently there are doors on hinges that swing back, doors that roll back like the old-fashioned roll-top desk, and doors that lift up and disappear by being shoved back out of sight; selection lies with the individual.

In the topmost section, and it will be remembered that all articles are within arm's reach, there is ample space for the non-perishable foods. doors to this section, which usually swing back, are provided with racks for order pad and pencil, cook books, bill file, etc.

#### Below the Table

Under the table two-thirds of the space is reserved for pots and pans; their respective lids are kept in a rack on the door. In large models directly over this space is a drawer for linen and under it a chopping board that pulls out. Three drawers of different size occupy the remaining third of the space below the table. The top drawer



The sectional cabinet permits of additions. Of white enamel steel, glass fixtures. Courtesy of Janes & Kirtland

is for small utensils, the second for pastry flour and meal, and the third provided with a metal top is reserved for bread and cake.

In the latest model it is planned to equip the table with an electric motor which provides power for all the devices that used to be operated by hand, such as the egg beater, cream whipper and food chopper.

#### Keeping the Cabinet Clean

The cabinet is easy to keep clean. It, should be taken apart, wiped with a damp cloth, sunned and aired at least once a week. After the special place for each article has been decided upon it should be kept there.

When articles of the non-perishable variety are ordered in large quantities, only a small portion should be kept in the cabinet; the remainder should be stored in the pantry. The pantry also makes a splendid place in which to keep preserves and glass jars for extra quantities of foods.

When space is found at one or both sides of the cabinet, units of metal or wood to match the cabinet can be added for keeping dust proof other articles necessary in the kitchen. The broom closet unit is especially recommended. In it can be kept from sight brushes, brooms, the vacuum cleaner, etc.

#### DECORATIVE ACCESSORY HERALDRY AS

How and Where to Use It

H. K. PIKE

TWO facts in connection with the decorative use of heraldry should be kept in mind: First, that heraldry is distinctly decorative and offers many legitimate possibilities of ap plication which may contribute to the enrichment and charm of our homes.

Second, that it is not undemocratic and inappropriate in a republic, because, to a certain extent, it has had explicit governmental recognition in the United States by act of Congress and is continually employed in its public capacity by the officials of both the Federal Government and by the governments of the several states and cities.

Washington and the other fathers of our country displayed their armorial bearings on silver, bookplates, coach doors, and in divers other ways, as had always previously been their wont, and they saw no impropriety in so doing. This fact, together with the

governmental recognition and use of official corporate heraldry, just referred to, should dispose of any hesitation on the part of individuals using heraldic devices. Of course, good taste will forbid the employment of heraldry in an ostentatious manner or the display of personal arms by those not entitled to bear them. In the absence of official prescription for the bearing of arms by individuals or families, the use of blazonry will naturally be guided by traditional custom.

There are two elements, based on its very nature, that in the past have (Continued on page 72)



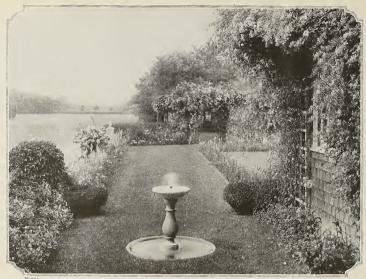
The chimney breast offers a logical place for the display of heraldry. In this case, which is from the residence of G. M. Allen, Esq., at Convent, N. J., an old fireplace has been in-troduced. Chas. I. Berg, architect



Rakes there must be, of course. The large one with wooden teeth and steel bow is 75 cents. The regular steel type costs from 75 cents to \$1, the narrow steel one is 50 cents. The scuffle-hoe, an excellent weeding tool, is priced at \$1 to \$1.50

# THE BIG TWELVE IN GARDEN TOOLS

The implements shown on this page are the really necessary ones which will help you to garden success. The prices given are merely approximate, as manufacturing conditions are changing so rapidly that costs flattaste almost from day to day. Inquiries should be addressed to the House & Okden Shopping Service, 19 West 44th St., N. Y. City.



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The possibilities of stretches of well-kept green turf within the confines of the border are too seldom realized.

Variety of color and form in the surrounding flowers furnishes contrast with the simplicity of the sward and its dignifed foundain.

#### THE RAINBOW GARDEN BORDER

The Right Flowers to Plant in the Perennial Border to Insure Continuous Bloom Throughout the Spring, Summer and Autumn

#### FRANCES E. REHFELD

THE most beautiful effects achieved in all gardening are the most naturalistic effects. It is impossible to create anything more beautiful than n-ture's rainbow, so why not try a rainbow garden border? It is undoubtedly a most beautiful setting for the rest of the garden. The formal garden may be surrounded by a neutral, naturalistic frame such as this in a very effective manner. If one follows the laws of harmony presented by the rainbow, if one chooses the flowers whose different shades of color blend insensibly into each other according to the law of harmony, one may be rewarded by a garden of most wonderful color.

The success of the garden will depend entirely upon the care taken in selecting the proper flowers and their respective varieties to be planted; and, of course, what is most important of all and should be unnecessary advice except to amateurs, the individual attention given to the border preparation, planting, and cultivation.

A few practical suggestions, however, concerning border planting and preparation will not be amiss.

 Mark out the intended area for the new section. The border described here is 12' wide.
 Make use of an existing background if possible. A wall or natural shrubbery may be used for this purpose. The color of the background to the border must be green.

3. Trench at least 2'. Put in decayed nanure liberally, and in heavy soil, add sand. 4. The back row of plants or flowers should be planted 3' from the outside of the 12' border. The tallest plants should be placed at the back, and the shorter flowers toward the front. The distance between the different groups is 6'. Restricted room means a restricted amount of plants.

Plant deep, mass for effect, and cultivate all summer.

6. Divide the width of the border into approximately four spaces. The heavy growing plants in the back row will require 6' each. The lighter growing plants in the next row will require 3' each. The plants in front of them will require 3' each, planted in clumps of five. The plants in the front row require 18', planted in clumps of three.

#### Concerning Color Combination

One may use the plan of the rainbow garden described on the opposite page, or what is much more interesting, design one's own garden from the lists of reliable material for a perennial garden border given at the end of this article. A few remarks concerning the importance of correct combination of color will be of great help to those who plan to design their own gardens. Without these principles in mind success can hardly be won.

Green is the predominating color of nature. We must have green for the ground work in all our arrangements. If bright colors predominate, they will oppress, but if they are associated with a delicate green setting, they cheer and satisfy the eye and mind. The art of the arrangement of flowers so far as color is concerned, consists in arranging plants so as to produce harmony, form and color in both foliage and flowers, as in flower garden groups, beds, belts, ribbon borders, and even in conservatory arrangement.

Black and white for all practical purposes, whether in painting or floriculture or landscape gardening, may be considered colors. The simplest arrangement is a combination of primary and secondary colors, yet to have these combinations perfectly harmonious requires great skill in their arrangement. Nothing is less brilliant than flower beds in which the only colors to be seen are blue and white, and nothing more gaudy than a garden stocked with a profusion of yellow and little else.

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#### KEY TO BORDER PLAN

The border plan here described has been successfully carried out. The planting key is therefore given, so that in case one wishes a thoroughly reliable arrangement in one's garden border rather than an individual experiment, the garden here described may be followed.

#### HEDGE

Tsuou canadensis-Hemlock spruce

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  Repricus Surgius—Common barbetry
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  Evonymus datas—Evonymus.

  Sytraga sukurta—Common iliae.

  Sytraga prantfolia n. pl.—Bridai wreath.

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  Sytraga japontac—Spirae.

  Socratila hybrida (var. Le Printemps)—

  Weikela.
- ARBORS AT THE FOUR ENTRANCES

# S. White Dorothy Perkins roses. N. Crimson Rambler roses. E. Tausendschon roses. W. Hiawatha roses.

#### PERENNIAL BORDER OF FLOWERS

- 1. Heyatica triboba—Common hepatica.
  2. Betils perensis—English dalsy.
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  4. December 1. Decem

- a (var. La Vogue)—Peren-
- nial phlox.

  16. Physostegia sirginiana—False dragon-head.

  17. Phlox paniculata (var. Elizabeth Campbell)
  —Perennial phlox.

- 18. Anemone japonica (var. Queen Charlotte)-
- Japanese windflower.

  19. Lilium speciosum (vars. roseum and rubrum)
  —Japanese lily.

  20. Hibiscus moscheutos—Marsh mallow.

  21. Spiraea palmata—Crimson meadow-sweet.

  22. Paeonia albijora—Peony.

  23. Altheu rosea—Hollyhock.

- 24. Bellis perentis—English dalay,
  25. Sedum speciable—Stone crop,
  26. Tenoria sidiptor vars.—Peony,
  27. Tenoria sidiptor vars.—Peony,
  30. Lillium speciaoum rocum—Japanes illy,
  31. Althor roce—Hullyhook.
  32. Dictoria speciablis—Hitselina-heart.
  33. Dictoria spratiablis—Gos plant;
  35. Spraca palmata elegans—Crimson meas
  - CRIMSON

- 36. Alvarium martiforium—Alvarium.
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  Beauty of Langport)
  66. Rudbeckla lacintata—Golden glow,
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  67. Anthenis inteoria—Channomile,
  68. Paconia abbitora (var. Canaria)—Canary
  69. Poentila—Five-linger.
  70. Trollius Europeau—Golde Gower.

- Hemerocallis flava—Lemon lily.
   Doronicum excelsum—Leopard's bane.
   Oenothera bieanis (var. grandiflora)—Evening primrose.
   Anthemis theoria (var. Kelwayi)—Golden Marquerite.
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  16. Socketia capanas albe—Comflower aster.
- 104. Dianthus plumarius-Grass pink, Scotch
- pink.

  106. Liliam auratum—Gold banded lily.

  107. Physosteria Virginica—False dragon head.

  108. Achillea piarmica ("The Pearl")—Milfoli or yarrow.

- 108. Adulta ytaruica ("The Peat")—Milioli or
  109. Lillun ayterioun altom—Illy
  110. Diptinis purpurea albus—Exasteve
  111. Companis andenium—Canaterbury beils.
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- LAVENDER AND VIOLET

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  134. Liftum candidas—Madonan lilly.
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182/ 180 184 158 11176 186 188 THE space within the enclosure of the rainbow garden border may be variously treated. This area as shown on the plan measures 66' by 125', and may be laid out in rectangular beds of annuals with rectangular grass walks between and a rectangular pool in the center. If conditions are favorable, another excellent and much simpler plan would be to let all the space with the exception of a central pool or bird bath be of close clipped turf, in contrast to the varied forms and colors in the border. A suggestion of the effect which would thus be obtained is given in the photograph on the opposite page. Formality and simplicity both must be achieved if the full possibilities of the situation are to be realized. These two plans are merely suggestive and are susceptible to many variations. Whatever scheme is adopted, however, be sure that it is in keeping with the border plantings. 18 51 5 (120 10 51 50 61 EH 6 57

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| SHRUB   | COMMON NAME   | HEIGHT   | COLOR  | BLOOM  | DIRECTIONS  |
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|   |   |  |  | For Masses and   | Borders   |
| Buddleia Calycanhus Floridus Calycanhus Floridus Clethra Exochorda grandiflora Forsythia Lonicera tartarica Philadelphus Franus Ribes Spirea Viburnum Vitex Diervilla | Butterfly shrub<br>Strawberry shrub<br>Sweet pepper bush<br>Sweet pepper bush<br>Pearl bush<br>Godden Bell<br>Tartarian Honeysuckl.<br>Mock-orange plum<br>Flowering plum<br>Flowering currant<br>Smidal Wreath<br>Smodal Wreath<br>Smodal Wreath<br>Chaste Tree<br>Weigela | 6'- 8'<br>4'- 6'<br>5'- 7'<br>4' 6'<br>5'- 6'<br>5'- 6'<br>4'- 6'<br>6'-10'<br>8'-10'<br>15'<br>4'- 6'<br>12' 5'- 6'<br>6'- 8' | Pink, lilac, violet<br>Brown<br>White<br>White<br>White<br>White<br>Vellow<br>White, pink, yellow,<br>red<br>White<br>Deep pink<br>Vellow<br>White<br>White<br>White<br>White<br>White<br>Ked, white, pink | July to frost May July-Aug. June May-June April May-June June May July-Aug. April-May May-June May-June May-June May-June May-June May-June AugSept. June-July | A new flowering alruh, but one of the best summy position and fairly rich soil.<br>Flowers are deliphtfully fragrams.<br>One of the hest of the smaller shrubs; very fragrams to the state of the smaller shrubs; very fragrams to cool for cutting best effect obtained through massing with other shrubs; charming flowers, bloom to be considered through massing with other shrubs; storage grovers free Bonoming.<br>Freduce bloomers; a valued and favortee shrub.<br>Suited for damp places; brilliam in the fall.<br>Fragnant nice foliage; grows well even in moist spots.<br>There are many varieties; each bas soon good point.<br>There are many varieties; each bas soon good point.<br>Of robust halit, blooms profusely, and easy growth. (Eva Rathke especially fine; flowers continuously; very deep color). |
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| Althea<br>Acer Japonica<br>Aralia spinosa<br>Baccharis<br>Cercis<br>Chionanthus<br>Cornus<br>Rhus Cotinus   | Rose of Sharon<br>Japanese maple<br>Angelica tree<br>Groundsell tree<br>Judas tree<br>White fringed tree<br>Dogwood<br>Smoke tree   | 8'-12'<br>6'-10'<br>10'-15'<br>10'-12'<br>10'-12'<br>8'-12'<br>15'-20'<br>12'  | Rose, white<br>Foliage, various<br>White<br>Rosy pink<br>White<br>White, red<br>Smoke colored  | AugOct. Aug. April-May June May July   | Among the best of tall shrubs; very hardy; W. R. Smith (new) especially fine. Leaves of many distinct shapes and attractive coloring, especially in early spring. Lingua tropical bodome. Ill Flowers before leaves appear; very attractive. Very distinctive and attractive in appearance; flowers resemble fringed decoration. Not symmetrical in shape but very attribute; foliage highly colored in autumn. Very distinctive; Bowers in teather; batters.   |

# April-May June May July

FLOWERS

|  |   |                                       |   | For Hedges and                    | d Screens .   |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| Althea<br>Berberis<br>Crataegus<br>Hydrangea panicu- | Rose of Sharon<br>Japan barberry<br>Hawthorne<br>Hydrangea paniculata | 8'-12'<br>3'- 4'<br>12'-15'<br>6'-10' | Rose, white<br>White, red<br>White to rose    | AugOct.<br>May-June<br>AugSept.   | See above; plant close, 15" to 18".  Absolutely hardy; foliage light green, brilliant in autumn with scarlet berries.  Very attractive; many different forms; long lived. Colored fruits.  Colore changes; very hardy; one of the best late flowering shrubs; enormous flower panicles.   |
| Privet  Pyrus Spirea Syringa                         | Privet  Japan quince Spirea Lilac                                     | To 8'<br>6'- 8'<br>6'- 8'<br>15'-20'  | Bright scarlet<br>White<br>White, pink, lilac | Early May<br>May-June<br>May-June | Most popular formal hedge plant; plant close, 8" to 10"; prune to shape frequently. New varieties hardier han California.  Set 10" apart; makes a dense hedge; requires a little pruning. Flant 1½ to 2" apart; very graceful in formal hedge; especially for boundary lines. Flant 2" to 3", very fragrant; good for along walls, etc. Japonica latest blooming. |

#### VINES

REMARKS

| Actinidia<br>Akebia<br>Ampelopsis<br>Bignonia<br>Clematis paniculata | Silver vine Akebia Boston ivy Trumpet vine Virgin's Bower | Whitish with purple centers; A. Chinensis, yellow Violet brown; cinnamon center in spring Foliage highly colored in fall Very large trumpet shape; red or orange Fragrant pure white flowers in August and September | Very rapid growing with dense foliage; good for arbors, trellies, etc. Edible fruits after flower-<br>ing.  Good where dense shade is not required; very graceful in habit.  Most popular of all vines for covering smooth surfaces such as betyek and stone walls, etc. In Semi-climbing, opencially good for overing rough stone work, tall strumps, porch trelliess, etc.  Unique and attractive foliage.  Extremely having and objects, more attrifactory late flowering vine. Especially good for porches. |
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| Evonymus<br>Honeysuckle<br>Wistaria                                  | Evonymus<br>Woodbine<br>Wistaria                          | Foliage, green or green and white<br>Red, yellow and white; very fragrant<br>Purple or white; immense pendent panicles   | Flower's followed: yeathery sufver seed pout.<br>Extremely hardy; good in place of English ivy in cold sections. Evergreen.<br>Old favorite: one of the most popular for prorches and trailing covers. Sunny position; good<br>variegated foliage.<br>Of twining, not clinique habit, especially good for pergolas, etc. Attains great height with<br>suitable support. Sunny position; rich soil.  |
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#### SUMMER FLOWERING BULBS

| FLOWER   | HEIGHT  | COLOR   | SEASON OF<br>BLOOM  | DIRECTIONS  |
|--|---|---|---|---|
| Anemone Begonia Calla Caladium Dalla Gladiolus Rannaculus Montretia Tigrida Tuberos Zephyranthus | 12"-18"<br>12"-18"<br>18"-24"<br>2'-6'<br>18"-5'<br>2'-6'<br>2'-6'<br>2'-3'<br>18"<br>18"<br>2'-14'<br>18"<br>2'-2'<br>8"-10" | White, crimson, pink, blue<br>Fink, yellow, red<br>Veley, white,<br>"Pink, yellow, red, white<br>"Pink, yellow, red, writegated<br>White, pink, yellow, red, variegated<br>White, yellow, scalet<br>White, yellow, scalet<br>Blue, pink, yellow, scalet<br>White, yellow, scalet<br>White, which, yellow, wardet<br>White, pink, yellow, scalet | July-Sept. June-Sept. June-Sept. June-Oct. June-Oct. July to frost May-June June-Oct. July-Sept. July-Sept. July-Sept. June-Sept. | Plant in May in sheltered position, in groups, about 6" x 6". Hardy. Start in heat, or plant in rich light source. Start in heat, or plant in rich light source. Floaty of waters after extracte. Start in heat, or plant dormant roots in rich soll. Store for winter. Start in heat, or plant dormant roots in rich soll. Store for winter. Start in heat, or plant dormant roots in rich soll. Store for winter. Start meaning from April or plant of the rich soll, this and disbuil for good shorters of the result of the rich soll, this and disbuil for good shorters.  Succession of planting from April or June for continuous bloom; store cool for winter. Succession of planting from April or June for continuous bloom; store cool for winter. Culture similar to that of gladiolius. Plant 3" to 6" cach way; take up or protect. Culture same as bow but should be attored for winter. Plant out in May, or start in heat. June and July planting for late Bowert. Plant out in May, or start in heat. June and July planting for late Bowert. |

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|             | FLOWER          |                     | Amera, (A) Amera, (A) Coloria, (B) Coloria, (B) Coloria, (C) Coloria,  |                       | Ageratum (A) Alysoun, Sweet (A) Balis persuits (HHP) Marizold (Dwf. Srt.) (A) Zinnia (Dwf. Srt.) (A)   |                  | Antirkinum (1) Antirkinum (1) Cantering (4) Cantering (4) Depainim (HP) Depainim (HP) Pansy (A) Pansy (A) Pansy (A) Scharathus (A) Scharathus (A)  |             | Accrosit (A) Accrosit (A) Chrysnichem (A) Chry |                         | Contaures (Sweet Sultan) (A) Holotrope (P) Majouette Conations (P) Mignorite (I) Scocks (A) Scocks (A) Walfillower (Pa)  |              | Canarybird Vine (A) Cardiard Climber (A) Dolichor (Hyacinet Beam) (TA) Monthewer (TA) Morning-glory (TA) Nasturium (A)  | NOTES. "A" annual; "B" biemial; "Annual flower, marine; seed Binnial; become established. Perrensial flower and seed ye. "Hardy" annuals, biemials, "Tende" annuals, biemials, "Hardy" annuals, biemials, "Hardy" annuals, and "Ende" himmisk.  |

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In the Directions: S—now need in the open, where plants will bloom. S B—now plants in seed bed or horder, to transplant to permanent positions. P—plants from frames, greenhouses, or florists.

# SUPPLY CONTINUOUS A FOR VEGETABLES

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# NOTES ON VEGETABLES

Drills are continuous rows, in which the seeds are sown near together, and the plants even after thinning stand at irregular distances, usually touching. First figure under Directions indicates distance between ross; second between plants in row after thinning, or between hills. "P"-plants from frames or seed-beds.

Not every garden can grow good crops of all these vegetables. Soil conditions as well as plans re-quirements wary widely. Select

CHOOSE WISELY

therefore, with your own par-ticular conditions in mind. Buy no more seed than you need— remember that seed are none too phential and nothing should be wasted. your prospective crops carefully,

Hill, which are usually especially enriched before planting, are isolated groups or clusters of plants, generally about equidistant—3' or more—each way. Resulave the plants at regular distances, but so near together that machine cultivation is attempted only between the rows.

Hilling is drawing the soil up toward the roots or stems: elem exciton—remaily a wide, slight hill is the best.
Barching in excessing to prepare some plants such as expery and enday, for exting-excluding the light, banking with earth, tying up the leaves, covering with prepared paper, and storing accomplish this result. Thisning consists in pulling out the surplus seedlings as soon as most of the seeds are up.

Plant pests of all kinds are alien enemiss—indirect but none the tess potent foes of the world's food. Insidious, persistent, de-INSECTS AND DISEASES

no quarter; see that none is given.
On page 53 our plan of camevery possible weapon. They ask paign is mapped out. Study it carefully and help your garden,

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| Insect or<br>Disease  | Identification   | WHEN TO LOOK FOR   | Attacks  | Control.   |
|   |  | IN THE VEGETABLE GARI  |  |  |
| Cut-worms  Aphis or "plant louse"  Potato beetle  Flea beetle  White grub  Root maggot  Corn borer  Cucumber beetle  S q u as h bu g  "bu g  "bu g  Thrip  Thrip  Assaracus beetle  Melon louse  Onion thrip  Tomato worm  Rust  Mildew  Blight | Sluggish, fat, brown soil worm, ½" to 2" long with stripe along side; works about \( \frac{\pi}{2} \) long with stripe along side; works about \( \frac{\pi}{2} \) long, congregating in large about \( \frac{\pi}{2} \) long, congregating in large about \( \frac{\pi}{2} \) long, congregating in large long in the large, soft, white repulsive grub of \( \frac{\pi}{2} \) long, considered ground: \( \frac{\pi}{2} \) in 1\( \frac{\pi}{2} \) long, considered ground: \( \frac{\pi}{2} \) in 1\( \frac{\pi}{2} \) long, considered in \( \frac{\pi}{2} \) long. Similar white worm or grub \( \frac{\pi}{2} \) long. Similar white worm or grub \( \frac{\pi}{2} \) long. Similar white worm or grub \( \frac{\pi}{2} \) long. Similar white worm or grub \( \frac{\pi}{2} \) long. Second brood in early fall.  Small, very active, black and yellow striped beetle, \( \frac{\pi}{2} \) long. Dull black, flat, very active beetle with sideways when disturbed, \( \frac{\pi}{2} \) long, tensions, white winged fly, congregating in large numbers until disturbed.  Very congregating in large numbers until disturbed.  King, tensions, white winged fly, congregating in large numbers until disturbed.  King, tensions, white winged fly visible to the naked eye, lodging especially down between leaves.  Lettly down between leaves.  Lettly down between leaves.  Lettly down between leaves.  Rating' or yellowing of foliage or "Rating' or yellowing of spotting of the leaves, progressing very rapidly. | Through season, mostly April to June to Interest the Season, septially on half-season, Interest the Season septially on half-season, Interest the Season, Interest the Interest Interest the Season, Interest the Interest Interest the Season, Interest the Interest In | Especially cabbage, cauliflower, and to-cabbage and collaboration of the | Poison bait before planting, and give plants protection with 4" paper bands "in soil; also hand text of the plant protection with 4" paper bands "in soil; also hand contact spray, two or three applications, at intervals of a week or ten days, especially against value of the plant protection of |
| Leaf spot or rot  | Spots in leaves, stems, or fruit turning<br>brown or black.  | Throughout season, especially in warm weather after rainy spells.  | Tomatoes, beans and<br>many others.  | Spray with Bordeaux at or before first signs and repeat frequently to keep all growth covered. Bordeaux mixture, removing surplus foliage, and in the case of fruits that touch.   |
|   |  | IN THE FRUIT GARDEN  |  |  |
| Scale, San José   | Minute, yellowish, sucking insects cor-<br>ered with small shell or scale, the size<br>of a pin-head! presence indicated by<br>gray scurvy appearance of bark, and<br>minute red rimmed spots on fruit.<br>Dark brown scale like elongated oyster<br>shell about '\$\frac{2}{3} in length, the young<br>resembling active whitish lice.<br>Bright green aphs.  | Throughout season; multiplies with extraordinary rapidity.   |  | Dormant sprays in early spring or fall, using lime<br>sulphur, miscible oil or kerosene emulsion.  |
| Scale, oyster shell Apple aphis   | Dark brown scale like clongated oyster<br>shell about ½" in length, the young<br>resembling active whitish lice.<br>Bright green aphis.  | Throughout season, young hatching in<br>May or early June.  Throughout season, especially on the   | Apple and other fruit<br>trees.<br>Apples, peaches,  | Same as for San José; also nicotine or kerosene<br>emulsion as soon as young hatch.  Dormant spray before leaves come out; nicotine  |
| Scab, apple Caterpillar, tent   | Causes dark colored spots on leaves or<br>fruit.<br>Striped caterpillars in large masses in<br>webs or "tents."  | Throughout season, especially on the<br>sides of new leaves.<br>Throughout season, spreads most dur-<br>ing spring.  Early in spring; "tents" at first in-<br>conspicuous, gradually enlarged.   | plums. Apple and pear.  Apple, cherry, and other trees.  | Dormant agrays before leaves come out; nicotine spray on young foliage.  Spray with lime sulphur before blossoms open, after blossoms fall, and two weeks later; burn leaves and twigs in fall.  Arsented of lead spray for matured worms.  Arsented of lead when leaves appear, before bads   |
| Bud moth Currant worm Coddling moth Canker worm   | Light brown caterpillar, head and legs dark, feren worm with black spots about 1" long. The 'mother' of wormy apples; moth is small and chocolate colored; worm hatches on the outside, usually in blossom end, and eats in; about 15% long. A 'measuring worm,' 1" or more in   | Early in spring before buds open.  Before blossoms open, usually first on lower leaves. In spring and early summer.  May and June.   | Especially apple buds. Currant and goose-berry. Apple.   | Spray with arsenate of lead until fruit forms;<br>after that, hellebore.<br>Spray with arsenate of lead just before petals fall,<br>before calix closes; ten days later and again in<br>about four weeks; band trunks during July.   |
| Blister mite<br>Curculio  | Small mite causing leaf blisters turning<br>from light green to red and brown<br>Small, grayish beetle, \$\tilde{\gamma}_0^{\pi}\$ to about \$\frac{1}{4}''\$<br>long. Back mottled black and white;<br>has a conspicuous "snout."   | Throughout season.  In early summer when fruits are beginning to form; another generation in August.   | Pear and apple.  Injures young fruits by puncturing them to eat and lay eggs; apples, peach, plum. Apple and grapes.   | Arsenate of lead, when worms appear; band trunks<br>in March or early April.<br>Strong miscible oil or kerosene emulsion spray;<br>just before leaves come out and again in fall.<br>Spray with lime sulphur and strong arsenate of<br>lead; for best results jar trees every cool mon-<br>ing, and catch bettles on sheet spread beneath.   |
| Leaf hopper Rot, black  | Small, slim, yellowish hoppers with blunt<br>heads.<br>Fruits turn purplish brown and become<br>shriveled.   | Through season, indicated by leaves<br>turning hrown and drying up; "hop-<br>pers' working on the under side.<br>Summer; especially after wet weather<br>and where tall weeds or grass are left<br>near the vines.   | Apple and grapes.  Grapes.   | Spray under side of leaves with strong kerosene emulsion.  Spray with Bordeaux till mid-July; then ammoniacal solution copper carbonate; for few vines mant spray with line sulphur or miscible oil; gather fallen fruit and burn.   |
|   |  | IN THE FLOWER GARDE  | N  |  |
| Aphis (plant<br>louse)<br>Mealy bug   | Similar to those attacking vegetables described above.  Small, soft-bodied insect covered with small cotton-like, specks.  | See aphis above. Where foliage is thick, in axils of leaves or growing tips.  Congregate in leaf axils throughout season; most likely on neglected plants in frames or on porches.   | Roses, sweet peas and<br>most soft-wooded<br>plants.<br>Soft-wooded plants<br>and new growth on<br>so me hard-wooded<br>plants such as<br>fuchsias.<br>Roses mostly.   | Nicotine spray; kerosene emulsion.  Nicotine spray or paint with strong kerosene emulsion, alcohol.  |
| Rose beetle   | Yellowish, active, crawling beetle 1/2" or more long with long hooked legs.  | Throughout season, especially May to July, when plants are in bloom.   |  | Arsenate of lead or Paris green extra strong; hand picking into kerosene and water most effective.   |
| Leaf spot; rust<br>Mildew<br>Aster beetle   | See above. Powdery, dirty white deposit on leaves. Active, long-legged beetle, ½" to ¾" in length, eating flowers and foliage.   | Throughout season. Through season, especially after sudden changes in temperature. Appears in numbers, August and September.   | Asters, carnations, etc. Roses and some others. Asters preferably, and some other flowers.   | Spray with Bordeaux. Keep new growth covered,<br>Prune infected parts; dust with Howers of sul-<br>phur; thin sufficiently for free circulation of air.<br>Strong arsenate of lead spray; knock bugs in early<br>morning into can of kerosene and water.   |

#### March

#### THE GARDENER'S CALENDAR TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY

This calendar of the gardener's labors is aimed as a reminder for undertaking all his of the Middle States, but its service should be available for the whole country if it be remembered that for every one hundred miles north or south there is a difference in performing garden operations. The dates given are, of course, for an average season.

5. All new plantings of hardy stock must be set out. The earlier in the planting season this is done the less soon as the frost leaves the soon as the frost leaves the or out of this sort.

12. Have you everything in readiness for the openins of the big garden month? Seeds, garden line, plant labels, measuring sitck, peabrush, bean poies and tomato supports are a few essentials.

19. Small fruits of the different types caw be planted, rasp berries, etc., can be trained on wire treiltises, or takes may be used. The later are neater and more economic al of space.

6. Changes of all kinds where the moving of plants, sod, hedges, etc. is in examined into a tonce. This also applies to garden walks which, if altered in early spring will settle by summer.

13. Better make arrangements now to make your green-house for some useful purpose. Potted fruits, chrysan the-mums, melons. English forcing cucum bers, etc., are some of the many possible products.

20. All the best varieties of dahlia roots should be started into growth so that cutties can be started in the cutties can be started in the cutties can be started in the roots are iald upon a few inches of sand and watered freely they will soon start into growth.]

#### Third Month

SATURDAY

1. If you have not alleady planted them, seeds of 
cabbage, cauliflower, celery, parsiey, lettuce, tomatoes, 
cgs-plant, peppers, leek and 
onions should 
be sown, See 
page 41 for detailed information on this 
work.

8. All the exotic plants, such as kentlas, dracae nas, cocos, arecus, cocos, arecus, should be reported to the trans the plants now occupy. The soil must be light, containing pienty of leaf mold.

15. Make a habit of heeling in your nursery stock the instant it are that is allowed to lie around in the wind and sun is certain to show heavy losses, because its roots will be dried out and the smaller ones will die.

22. The covering on the strawberries should be removed and burned and the manure muleic where for some reason no fall muleh was applied the bed should be well manured and dug in.

FRIDAY

But now the moon's a ghost in silver mail, As, blowing through a storm of stars, the earth Dips downward into dawn, deluge d with ight—
Sunlight which is the golden laugh of God.

- Harry France

of all the various types of all the various types of bedding plants is a varied in started in started in started in started in the started in

changes in old plantines in old plantines of recommendations of the percential border should be finished up at the earliest moment. Those which are planted early in the season will flower late this summer.

21. If you are considering new lawns this spring get the ground ready for seeding just as soon as the constant of the constant



Now is the time to start putting in cut-tings of the bedding plants

The manure mulch

on the lawn should be raked up and carted away

kets placed over the rhubarb will make better stalks



SUNDAY

2. Chrysanthemums for the control of the control

MONDAY

31. Rhubarb should now be showing some growth. Barrels placed over the plants will give earlier abe. Beds that were not mulched should have a good application of mauredug into them at about this time.

17. This is the time to think of flowers for next whiter in the green to the flower of the Chinese or Obconica type, eyelsmen and antirrhinum are three of the best sorts. They should be started from seed now under glass.

16. Specimen trees of all types that are not growing satisfactor in the satisfactor in th

23. All the various garden tools will soon to be in use regularly tools and the control of the c

24. The top protection on the rose bushes can now be removed; dig the winter muich of manure well under. A liberal application of bone meal to the soil will produce worth-while results during the flowering season.

25. Sweet peas may be sown out of doors now. Dig trenches about two feet deep and the width of a spade. Fill the trench with good top soil and manure well mixed and sow the seed a hout two inches below the surface.

4. Asparagus is one vegetable that starts growth very early, so dig the winter now, hill up the rows on the old plantings, and apply salt liberally to the bed. New plantings in our plantings should be started now.

11. Sowing of all the more common types of annual flowers should be attended at the short of the many varieties that may be planted.

18. Before the buds burst on the deciduous trees and shrubs, the whole growth should be carefully for any eaterpillar nests, which can easily be destroyed by burning without injuring the piants.

27. Mulches of all kinds applied to shrub-bery borders, peren nia liplantines, flower beds, considered as possible and see that it is thoroughly incorporated with the soil.

29, All trees and shrubs that are subject to attacks of San Jose scale should be sprayed with the subject to attack one of the subject to the subject the buds swell. At least forty-eight hours are needed to smother these pests.

The mulch under shrubbery, roses, etc., should be dug



Clean, fine sand applied to the lawn will kill off many



vere pruning now. Leave two or three buds on new wood





Potato planting may begin just as soon as the ground can be worked. Cool, moist soil is the best



All the plowing should be finished as soon as possible. Use a subsoil plow and get down really deep



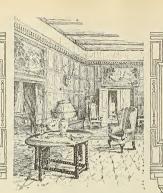
Keep the soil well stirred around the plants in the cold-frame. A small "claw" is the best tool to use



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#### The Rainbow Garden Border

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and attractive, the best principle in the employment of colors is never to use a compound color between the two primicompound color between the two primi-tive colors which compose it; for ex-ample, purple ought never to be em-ployed between blue and red, and orange between yellow and red. Blue flowers should be placed near orange, violet next should be placed hear orange, votel that to yellow. Red or pink looks well when surrounded with a border of gray or white. Each primitive color should be contrasted with its complementary color, contrasted with its complementary color, which will always be found to be a compound one. Care must be taken in placing very cold white flowers such as Iberis sempervirens (hardy candy-tuft). White flowers of this sort are best used as high lights in the garden, led up to by whites of a soft character. Execution resembles of a soft character. ter. Frequent repetitions of white patches catch the eye unpleasantly. It will generally be found that one mass or group of white flowers will be enough in any piece of border or garden arrangement that can be seen from any one point of view.

Blue requires rather special treat-ment, and it is best approached by deli-

In order that a garden may be showy yellows. Silvery leaved plants are valuyenows. She're leaved plants are valued has been sedgings. They bear the same relation to purple and lilac as the warm colored foliage does to strong red flowers. Keep the lighter colors near the dwelling house, and the brighter farther from the house

The following colors appear in the spectrum in the degrees indicated: spectrum in the adgrees indicated. You blet, 80°; sindigo, 40°; blue, 60°; green, 60°; yellow, 48°; orange, 27°; red, 45°. Mark off your border into different divisions and arrange your colors according to the spectrum in the follow-

ing succession. Deep blue should be followed by light Deep blue should be followed by light blue, and by pale yellow, white, pink, rose, crimson, scarlet, orange and orange scarlet, bright yellow, pale yellow, white, lilac and lavender and violet. white, lilac and lavender and violet. Give more space to the cooler shades of color, such as blue and yellow, and less space to the warm shades, red and

A list of plant materials with their respective heights and colors follows. Pick your flowers from this reliable list and arrange to have a succession of bloom, so that your border will be in cate contrasts of warm white and pale color from early spring to late fall.

| P   | LANT MATERIALS   | FOR THE BLUE B   | ORDEK   |  |
|---|--|--|---|--|
| Scientific Name Aster Notae Angliae Delphinium—various. Delphinium Delphinium   | Common Name Perry's Blue Beliadonna. Forsmum. King of Delphiniums.                       | Color Bluish purple Turquois blue. Dark blue, white eye. Rich gentian blue.    | June-Sept<br>June-Sept<br>June-Sept                             | 4 ft.<br>4 ft.<br>3 ft.<br>4 ft.           |
| Delphinium Delphinium Acontium napellus Acontium bicolor  | Queen Wilhelmina.<br>Rev. E. Lasalles.<br>Monkshood—Helmet<br>Flower<br>Monkshood—Helmet | Soft blue, shading rose<br>Deep purple-blue<br>Dark blue                       | June-Sept   | 6 ft.<br>4 ft.                             |
| Aconitum Fischerii Aconitum Wilsoni   | Flower<br>Monkshood—Helmet<br>Flower<br>Monkshood—Helmet<br>Flower                       | Pale blue Light violet-blue  |   | 18 in.                                     |
| Veronica longifolia sub-<br>sessilis<br>Veronica spicata<br>Veronica incana   | Speedwell  | Deep blue Bright blue. Amethyst blue, silvery follage.                         | July-Aug<br>June-July,  | 3 ft.<br>1½ ft.                            |
| Platycodon grandislorum<br>Plumbago larpentae<br>Campanula carpatica<br>Campanula glomerata   | Canterbury Bell<br>Clustered Bellflower  | Deep blue  | July-Aug. July 16-Aug. 16. AugSept. June-Oct. June-Aug.         | 2-23/2 ft.<br>6 in8 in.<br>8 in.<br>18 in. |
| Campanula persicifolia.<br>Campanula pyramidalis.<br>Lupinus polyphyllus.<br>Iris pallida dalmatica.<br>Iris laevigata.<br>Iris kumonia No. 509 | Chimney Beliflower.<br>Lupin .<br>German Iris.<br>Japanese Iris.<br>Japanese Iris.       | Blue Porcelain blue. Clear blue Lavender blue. Silvery white. Soft light blue. | June-July.<br>August<br>May 20-June 10.<br>May<br>June<br>July. | 4 ft6 ft.<br>3 ft.<br>4 ft.<br>2 ft3 ft.   |
| Aquilegia coerulea<br>Eupatorium coelestinum.<br>Eryngium maritimum   | Rocky Mt. Colum-<br>bine<br>Thoroughwort<br>Sea Holly                                    | Bright blue and white<br>Light blue<br>Pale blue                               | May-June<br>Aug. till frost<br>July-Sept                        | 18 In24 In                                 |

| PL.   | ANT MATERIALS  | FOR TI                                    | HE WHITE      | BORDER                             |  |
|---|--|---|---------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Boltonia asteroides<br>Spirea aruncus (astilbe).<br>Spirea Japonica.  | False chamomile<br>Japanese spirea<br>Japanese spirea    | Pure whi                                  | dor<br>te     | July, Aug., Sept.                  | 5 ft7 ft.                                    |
| Spirea filipendula Althea rosea   | Dropwort. Hollyhoek Gold Banded Lily Lily. Madonna Lily. | White an<br>Ivory wh<br>White wi<br>White | th green band | AugOct July-Aug July-Aug June June | 7 ft.<br>3 ft5 ft.<br>3 ft5 ft.<br>2 ft3 ft. |
| Galtonia candicans. Physostegia Virginica Achillea ptarmica ("The<br>Pearl"). Stokesia cyanea alba                | False Dragon-Head  | White                                     | te            | July-Aug<br>Spring till frost      | 3 ft4 ft.                                    |
| Phlox paniculata (Frau<br>Anton Buchner).<br>Phlox paniculata (Mrs.<br>E. E. Jenkins).<br>Phlox paniculata (Blanc | Phlox or M't'n Pink.                                     | Pure whi                                  | te            | June-July                          | 23/2 ft3 ft.                                 |
| Nain) Phlox suffruticosa (Miss Lingard) Phlox subulata alba Phlox divaricata alba.                                | Phlox or M't'n Pink.                                     | Pure whi<br>Moss pin                      | k             | May-late Oct<br>June, July, Aug    | 2 ft.<br>4 in.                               |
| grandistora   | Phlox or M't'n Pink.  Moonpenny Daisy  Michaelmas Daisy  | Pure whi                                  | te            | Sept                               | 1 ft.  |
| (Madonna)<br>Aster Novae Angliae<br>(White Queen)<br>Dianthus plumarius<br>(Her Mulestv)                          | Michaelmas Daisy<br>Grass Pink, Scotch                   | White                                     |               | Sept                               | 4 ft.  |
| Lupinus polyphyllus<br>albus<br>Dictamnus frazinella<br>albus<br>Digitalis purpurea albus                         | Lupin  | Thomas milei                              |               | June-July                          | 914 ft                                       |
|   |  |   |               |                                    |  |

#### PLANT MATERIALS FOR THE YELLOW BORDER

| Scabiosa lutea                              | Pincushion Flower                    | Yellow        | July-Oct               | 8  | 77  |            |    |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|----|-----|------------|----|
| Scabiosa lutea<br>Paeonia albiflora Canaria | Canary                               | Yellow        | July                   | 0  | It. |            |    |
| Paconia albiflora ("Anne                    | Anne Askew                           | White         | May-June               | 2  | ft  | 3 ft       |    |
|   |                                      | Yeliow        | June-July              |    |     | 6 ft       |    |
|   |                                      | Yellow        | June-July<br>July-Sept | 4  | ft  | 5 ft       |    |
| Centaurea sulphurea                         | Mountain Bluet                       | Yellow        | May-July               | 25 | ft  | 18<br>3 ft | in |
| Trollius Europaeus                          | Globe Flower                         | Bright vellow | June-all summer.       | 1  | in. | τ          |    |
| Ownothern Vouncii                           | Evening Primrose                     | Yellow        | June-Sept              | 2  | ft. |            |    |
| Ocnothera frutteasa                         | Evening Primrose<br>Golden Sunflower | Golden yellow |                        | 4  | ft  | 7 ft       |    |
|   |                                      | Yellow        | June-Aug               | 1  | ft  | 2 ft       |    |

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#### The Rainbow Garden Border

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| Rudbeckia laciniata<br>Solidago<br>Heleopsis species |                               | Yellow                                 |                    |                    |
|--|-------------------------------|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| Anthemis tinctoria                                   | Chamemile                     | Orange yellowYellow                    | AugNov<br>July-Aug | 2 ft4 ft.<br>2 ft. |
| Anthemis tinctoria<br>(Kilwayi)                      | Chamomile                     | Creamy vellow                          | June-Aug           | 3.74               |
| Iris Germanica<br>Iris xiphium                       | Bearded Iris<br>Spanish Iris. | Blue and various<br>Violet and various |                    |                    |
| Corcopsis lanceolata<br>Aquilegia                    | Annual Tuckseed               | Golden vellow                          | June-Sept          | 1 ft -2 ft         |
| Hemerocallis flava                                   | Lemon Lily                    | Golden yellow                          |                    |                    |
|  | English Cowslip               | Golden yellow                          | April-May          | 9 in               |
| Alyssum saxatile<br>Doronicum ezcelsum               | Goldentuft                    | Golden ye:low                          | April-May          | 1 ft.              |
| Helenium Hoopesi<br>Helenium autumnale               | Sneezewort                    | Bright yellow                          | May-July.          | 1 ft =3 ft         |
| Papaver nudicaule                                    | leeland Poppy                 | Lemon yellov:                          | AugSept            | 4 ft. 5 ft.        |

#### PLANT MATERIALS FOR THE LAVENDER, PURPLE AND VIOLET BORDER

| Aconstum autumnale Monkshood           | Blue purple      | AugSept 3 ft,-4 ft.      |
|--|------------------|--------------------------|
| Aquilegia vulgaris ft. pt., Columbine  | Duil purple      | May-June 2 ft3 ft.       |
| Aster acris Aster                      | Violet blue      | AugSept 1 ft.            |
|  | Lilac            | Aug 2 ft.                |
| Aster amellus (Beauty                  |                  |                          |
| of Urwall) Aster                       | Lilac            | Aug                      |
| Aster amellus (Edith                   |                  |                          |
| Gibbs) Aster                           | Lilac            | Aug 2 ft.                |
| Aster amellus (Ryecroft) Aster         | Lilac            | SeptOct 2 ft.            |
| Aster novae angliae Aster              | Purplish blue    | June-July 4 ft5 ft.      |
| Campanula glomerata Canterbury Bells   |                  | June-July 136 ft.        |
| Campanula latifolia Canterbury Bells   | Deep purple blue | June-Sept 3 ft.          |
| Centaurea montana Perennial Cornflower | Purple           | June-Sept 2 ft.          |
| Geranium ibericum Geranium             | Purple           | SeptNov 2 ft.            |
| Gladiolus-varieties Gladiolus          | Purple           | April-June 2 ft.         |
| Iris amoena Iris                       | Lavender         | April-June 2 ft.         |
| Iris neglecta Iris                     | Lavender         | April-June 2 ft.         |
| Iris pallida Iris                      | Purplish blue    | April-June 3½ft.         |
| Lupinus polyphyllus Lupin              | Lavender         | June-July 4 ft5 ft.      |
| Phlox disaricata Phlox                 | Lavender         | May 10 in.               |
| Primula denticulata Primrose           |                  | April-May 8 in.          |
| Salvia virgata Sage                    | Purplish blue    | July-Aug 3 ft4 ft.       |
| Salvia azurea Sage                     | Light blue       | AugSept 3 ft4 ft.        |
| Scabiosa caucasica Pincushion Flower   | Lilac            | June-Aug 2 ft3 ft.       |
| Statice latifolia Lavender             | Blue             | AugSept 2 ft.            |
| Viola cornuta Tufted pansy             | Blue             | All summer 6 in, or less |
| Viola (Bridal Morn) Tufted pansy       | Blue             | All summer 6 in. or less |
| Viola (Magger Molt) Tufted Pansy       | Blue             | All summer 6 in. or less |
| Delphinium (King of                    |                  |                          |
| Delphiniums) Larkspur                  | Deep purple      | June-Aug 5 ft6 ft.       |

#### DI ANT MATERIALS FOR THE DINK PORDER

| PLANT MATERIALS FOR THE LINK BORDER            |                              |                                |                       |                 |  |
|--|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|--|
| Althea rosea                                   | Hollyhock                    | Pink, various                  | July-Aug              | 6 ft8 ft.       |  |
| port Pink)                                     | Sweet William                | Pink                           | June-July             | 2 ft23/2 f      |  |
| Phloz paniculata (La<br>Vogue)                 | Perennial Phlox              | Mauve                          | Summer                | 2 ft4 ft.       |  |
| Phlox paniculata (Mada<br>Paul Dutrie)         | me<br>Perennial Phlox        | Lilae rose                     | Summer                | 2 ft. 4 ft.     |  |
| Phloz paniculata (Eliza-<br>beth Campbell)     | Perenniai Phlox              | Salmon pink                    | Summer                | 2 ft. 4 ft.     |  |
| Papaser orientale                              | Oriental Poppy               | Red, white, "ose<br>Red, White | May-June              | 3 ft. 314 f     |  |
| Polygonium Sicholdi (cus-                      |                              | White                          |                       |                 |  |
| Lilium speciosum Mel-                          |                              | White                          |                       |                 |  |
| Litium speciosum album.                        | Japanese Lily                | White                          | June-July             | 1 ft3 ft.       |  |
| Lilium speciosum roseum<br>Lupinus polyphyllus | Lupin                        | Pink, various                  | June-July<br>May-June | 3 ft.           |  |
| Schum spectabile<br>Dicentra spectabilis       | Stone Crop<br>Bleeding Heart | Rose to purple                 | SeptOct               | 18 in.<br>2 ft. |  |
| Anemone japonica (Princ<br>Henry)              | Japanese Windflower          | Deep pink                      | Aug -Sent             | 2 ft -3 ft      |  |
| Anemone japonica (Quee<br>Charlotte)           | n                            | La France pink                 | AugSept               |                 |  |
| Aster Novae Belgit (St.<br>Egmin)              |                              | Bright pink                    | SeptOct               |                 |  |
| Astilbe iaponica (Queen                        |                              | Pink                           | June-July             |                 |  |
| Charlotte)<br>Astilbe palmata elegans          | Crimson Meadow-              |                                |                       |                 |  |
| Dietomnus frantnella                           | Gas Plant                    | Rosy crimson                   | June-July             | 2 16 ft.        |  |

| PLANT MATERIALS FOR THE RED BORDER           |                                   |   |                             |                    |  |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|--------------------|--|
| Althea rosea Hol                             | llyhoek                           | Garnet, maroon, rose,<br>various.                       | June-Aug                    | 7 (+ .9 ++         |  |
| Phloz paniculata Per<br>Tritoma Pfitzeri Rec | enniai Phlox<br>I Hot Poker Plant | Rose, scarlet, vermittion                               | July-Oct                    | 236 ft3 ft.        |  |
| Tritoma erocusmoeflora Mo                    | ntbretia                          | Orange scarlet  | July-Aug                    | 2 ft214 ft.        |  |
| Pentstemon barbatus<br>(Torevii)             | rded Tongue                       | Scarlet vermillion                                      | June-Aug                    | 3 ft4 ft.          |  |
| Paparer orientale Orle                       | ental Poppy                       | Red orange  | May-June                    | 3 ft336 ft.        |  |
| Litium vardatium Cal                         | ifornia Lily                      | Crimson, ruby<br>Orange vermillion<br>Orange vermillion | May-June<br>June-Aug<br>May | 3 ft6 ft.          |  |
| Heuchera sanouinea Cor                       | al Bells                          | Coral red   | July-Oct                    | 136 ft2 ft.        |  |
| Geranium sanguineum Cra                      | ne's Bill                         |   | June-Oct                    | 18 in.             |  |
| Aster coccineus nesa-                        | rada Aster                        | Light blue  | Sept                        | 2 ft3 ft.          |  |
| Loschnis chalcedonica Ma                     | Itese Cross                       | Red, orange, scarlet                                    | June-Oct                    | 2 ft3 ft.<br>2 ft. |  |

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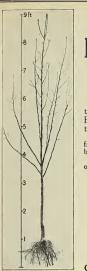
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that it is impossible to keep this part is often done. The rafters should be of the house comfortable during warm covered with heavy "sheathing quit" weather, but modern architecture has which is held in place by furring strips overcome the difficulty by providing over which the lathing and plastering gables and generous dormers, thus insuring cross draughts and alleviating sulation, thus making the roof space that the provided of the provided provided the provided provided the provided provided the provided pr casement windows are most effective when they open outward, catching all the passing breezes, which it would be impossible to obtain with double sash

windows.

of the winter.

While the staircase may seem of minor importance in a low pitched house where little attention is given to We must also consider the cold winWe must also consider the cold winter weather, as well as the scorching should be a main staircase (in addition
summer suns. This means careful construction of the roof, with the boards well lighted, and given a good archimatched, instead of being ladd open, as





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tectural design, so that it will conform nificent summer home along the North in character with the rest of the house

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Even in a small house, where a growing family demands extra rooms for children, casual guests or servants, the attic should play its part. In large houses freer scope is allowed, and the attic can serve as a billiard room, a master's den, nursery, or perchance a ball room.

As a servants' room, especially if there are two, it is better to plan the rooms over the service quarters, de-signing a staircase that connects with the kitchen and pantry on the lower floor. Otherwise several thicknesses of sheathing paper should be put between the flooring to avoid the annoyance of hearing heavy walking overhead

hearing heavy walking overhead.
When a man comes home from a strenuous day in his office, the one thing he demands is rest and quiet, a place where he can think and smoke to his heart's content. Here the attic of the heart's content. Here the attic of the where he can be completely isolated from the family life. Nothing is so soothing to tired nerves as an open wood fire, so, if possible, introduce a stone fireplace. If he is a sportsman, chase, and throw a huge bear skin on the bare floor, just in front of the hearth.

#### The Dance Room

For dancing purposes, what can be For dancing purposes, what can be more advantageously used than this part of your home? Here sufficient size can be given to make it practical. The flooring should be of spring boards, flooring should be of spring boards, and the room should be walled in with dark English oak, paneled and showing carved columns. At one side an alcove, the width of the wall, will allow a place for the orchestra, lighted by a dormer window. The end of the room can be divided in such a way that the doors are introduced into the panels, doors are introduced into the panes, leaving two dressing rooms. For a bit of color, use red damask for curtains. By fitting up a small kitchen just be-yond the ball room, the refreshment problem is simplified.

A most interesting arrangement has one gives time and been successfully carried out in a mag-sideration of them.

nilicent summer home along the North Shore in Massachusetts. It comprises a suite of rooms devoted to the use of the young heir. Here the beams are of old wood, modeled by ships' carpenters, in the early 18th Century. These are pegged together in the old-fashioned way. White plaster for wall surface and between the beams gives a picturand between the beams gives a picture-esque touch, lightened by the dull red curtains that separate the bedroom from the bath adjoining it. The floor of hard wood has been painted a soft brown to follow out the Colonial idea, and hooked rugs worked in soft mellowed tones are effectively placed.

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These are only a few uses that can be made of the rooms at the top of the house. Doubtless there are numerous other ideas that can be easily worked out and attics worth while achieved, if one gives time and thought to a con-



#### Planning a Successful Garden Show

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With four entries two awards will be given; with five or more, three awards. Should there be insufficient entries to Should there be insumcient entries to form a class, but an exhibit of great merit, the judges may award a first, second or third prize at their discretion. The awards shall be ribbons: blue for

first, red for second, white for third, and yellow for exhibits worthy of recogni-tion where no other prize has been tion where no other prize has been awarded. A first prize will count five points, a second three, a third one, and the yellow two and a half. The Tri-color counts ten points, and will be given by the judges to the best exhibit in the whole show—one for flowers, one for fruit, and one for vegetables. There shall be three or more judges at all shows, and the committee shall

endeavor to have at least one judge who is not a Club member. Each exhibit must conform with the

rules in the class form book.

Exhibits must be of more than ordinary standard and good quality to be entitled to award.

Exhibitors should comply with the rules or run the risk of having their exhibits disqualified. All vegetables and fruits must have

been grown and canned by the exhibitor

#### Scale of Points

The scale of points in counting was also given, that each one might under-stand the judging, and was made out on the following percentage system: Flowers

| shape |      |
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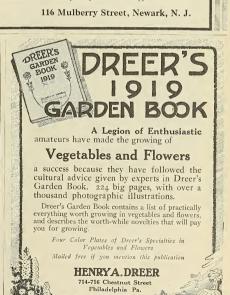
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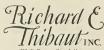
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4. Any color other than above 5. Best specimen bloom Best collection of six or more specimen blooms.

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Class 7. White

Yellow to bronze

9. Pink 10. Any color other than above

11. Best specimen bloom 12. Best collection of six or

more specimen blooms. Best vase of not less than six

Class 13. Yellow 14. White

15. Pink 16. Red

17. Best specimen bloom, Best vase of not less than five, nor more than ten

Moss Class 18. White

19. Pink 20. Crimson

21. Best specimen bloom 22. Best collection of six or

more specimen blooms. Most artistically arranged basket of from six to twelve sprays, none more than 15" long

Climbing Class 23. Dorothy Perkins 24. Crimson Rambler 25. Any other climber. POLYANTHA

Class 26. Best exhibition bunch.

Class 27. Best exhibition bunch. MISCELLANEOUS Class 28. Best collection five or more

specimen blooms, distinct classes, named varieties 29. Best specimen bloom,

classed and named, not already mentioned 30. Best exhibition bunch of any or all of the foregoing

The following classifications attracted many exhibitors:

DECORATIVE AND ARTISTIC CLASSES

Class 58. Best table decoration of any specified classes

59. Best grouping of iris, Japanese style

60. Best table decoration of ox-eyed daisies and wood

ferns. 61. Best table decoration of flowering shrubs

62. Best table decoration suit-able for June wedding

63. Best arrangement of garden flowers, one variety, for decorative effects

64. Most artistic arrangement of wild flowers 65. Most artistic arrangement of flowers from bulbous

plants 66. Most artistic arrangement of flowers and foliage in one receptacle, confined to one color, but not re-stricted to number of

shades of that color 67. Most artistic arrangement of garden flowers for luncheon table

68. Most artistic arrangement for porch decoration

69. Most artistic window box. A club member offered a pair of small silver cups for the best table decorasilver cups for the best table decora-tion; a well-known nurseryman a \$5.00 azalea for the best collection of iris; and a popular florist a Japanese hand-painted bowl, filled with ferns, for the best perennial grown from seed. Members were required to furnish their own small tables for table decorations.

The vegetables for the September show were classed as follows:

All vegetables must be grown by exhibi-tor and arranged in containers be-fore being sent to the Show

Class 76. Best collection of vegetables

77. Best head of lettuce 78. Best Romaine lettuce 70 Best quart lima beans

80. Best quart green bush beans

81. Best quart wax beans 82. Best six radishes, one variety

83. Best three cucumbers, one

variety
84. Best three squash, all dif-ferent varieties

85. Best three ears sugar corn. named

86. Best egg-plant 87. Best six green peppers 88. Best six tomatoes, named

varieties 89. Best exhibit vegetables arranged for effect

Best basket of roots beets, potatoes, carrots. parsnips and turnips. 91. Best basket tomatoes and

corn 92. Best four-quart basket po-

tatoes. The fresh fruits and the canned fruits and vegetables were all classed just as

#### Staging the Exhibits

carefully.

The day before the show members of the different committees went to prepare for the reception and staging of the flowers. Display tables were put in place in the main room and covered place in the main room and covered with green crepe paper, though this proved so perishable that thereafter green cambric was provided and held over for future use. The stage was banked with graceful green and flower-ing shrubs, and tables placed for the serving of refreshments. A long table at the right was covered with all kind of garden accessories—tools, garden mats, bird sticks, garden and nature books, birds' suet baskets, cutting baskets, metal-lined flower baskets, as well kets, metal-lined llower baskets, as well as garden smocks, aprons and hats. These goods were shown with the privilege of returning all unsold, and the percentage allowed us netted quite a little profit. The Girl Ploneers and the boys from our Public Schools each exhibited an attractive collection of bird bird and the profit of the prof houses, almost all of which were sold besides many special orders being taken. Local nurserymen made interesting dis-plays of unusual and special flowers, and the Commissioner of Parks lined the walk from the main door to the tea

garden with a beautiful assortment of new crotons. One large table was filled (Continued on page 66)



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with pretty clear glass bud vases, bought at a bargain and sold at a low price with the blossoms they contained. with the blossoms they contained. Especially interesting was the table presided over by "the little bee woman," who in addition to her attractive display of fancy china jars of strained honey, unique flower holders to be attached to the wall, and books on bees, showed also under glass a large hive of bees at work. Thus the variety of our exhibits proved one of the strong attractions

tractions.

The morning of the exhibition members began arriving early, as everything had to be staged by twelve o'clock (when the judges would begin their work) in order to get through before the opening of the doors to the public two o'clock

Every exhibit had to be tagged at the entry desks outside, with class number and name, but without owner's name, and registered before being passed inand registered before being passed inside to be staged. The groupings there were most artistic, and as soon as the judges finished each particular exhibit, and attached awards, the committee fol-

lowing fastened on cards showing name of exhibitor

The jury consisted of the Club's best qualified botanist, a local florist, and a quamied bottamsts, a local norse, and a woman expert from a neighboring town. As they had no means of knowing whose exhibits they were judging, of course, even the most carping critic had to admit fairness.

Although the weather had been most Although the weather had been most unfavorable, a surprisingly large quantity of flowers as well as vegetables was shown. A big crowd filled the hall afternoon and evening and everyone was enthusiastic. Although the admission fee was only ten cents (kept low in order to interest the general public), in order to interest the general public), and the entire expenses of the Show about \$140.00, the Club was able not only to pay all expenses, but found itself with a small balance to the good, besides having acquired certain properties which could be held over and kept available

for future exhibitions. Considerable work it was, of cours Considerable work it was, of course, to balan and carry through successfully without a hitch; but nobody minded the time or labor in view of the fact that we had given our town its first big flower and vegetable show, and encouraged people to try next time for results even better and finer.



"Wakanoura," a landscape by Kano Tanyu

#### The Humorists and Landscapists of Japanese Painting

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few equals anywhere in technical abilrev equals anywhere in technical anni-ity. Nor perhaps has there ever been a painter, producing so much as he, who has been attended so constantly by exquisite taste. It is interesting to recall that Korin was the elder brother of Kenzan Ogata, whom Japan regards as her best ceramicist; and it is said that. when Kenzan contrived to found a kiln of his own, having previously been al-ways an employe of factories, he re-ceived generous aid in the project from his brother's purse.

#### A Chapter of Humorists

The last chapter in the history of The last chapter in the history of Japanese art has a happy beginning, but a sad ending. Korin necessarily exerted a wide spell, which was felt in particular, or so at least it would seem, by the beautiful painter of birds and flowers, Okio; while in 1747 was born Mori Sosen, a lonely figure in artistic annals. For he gave himself almost exclusively, year after year, to the painting of monkeys, a consequence being that he acquired monkey as a nickname, the little boys shouting it after him in the streets of Osaka, where he lived. The comedians of the animal world,

while in 1661 was born Korin, one of the proverbial pensiveness of profestapanese art. Working alike on silk sional humorists in general, and it is and on paper, executing many of his Sosen's chief faurel that, again and finest pictures in gold on lacquer, now again, he uttered this trait in his beloved painting flowers, now birds, now sub-theme. He lived till 1821, at which jetts like those of Matahel, he has had date were painting shinksho and Yeshi, both greatly influenced by Matahei both greatly influenced by Mataner, while the woodcut masters presently reaching their apogee, several of them wrought occasionally with the brush, Hokusai's paintings being fully equal in merit to his familiar prints.

#### Yeisen's Art

Contemporaneous with him was Yeisen, a rare landscapist, soon after whom Yosai gained a wide celebrity, due no less to his genre pictures than to the book he to his genre pictures than to the book he both wrote and illustrated, "The Great Heroes and Scholars of Japan." But, at this very time when talented art was being produced on so lavish a scale, people far and near were beginning to inveigh fiercely against the old, despotic regime. And, when the sword was regime. And, when the sword was drawn in 1868, there were no half-measures, the Shogunate being hewn down, all power wrested from the feudal lords, and a representative government with the Mikado as its head established. Unless for a few months, however, the profuse output of painting, artists who won renown at this period being Buncho, mainly a landscapist and flower-(Continued on page 6).

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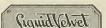
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#### The Humorists and Landscapists of Japanese Painting

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cocks and hens.

All these men, and quite a host of their generation, had grand technical dexterity, yet little more. They gave slight evidence of seeking to utter with the brush their own feelings, in their own way, being content to trade in the vision of their great predecessors; while shortly the beautiful landscapist, No-

snortly the beautiful landscapist, Nomura, showed an inclination to look to the Western schools as his exemplar.

Much has been said about the quick development of this bias with Japanese artists lately, much too about the Wes-ternising of Japanese ways in general.

painter; Tachibane Setsuen, who also But the extent of the change has been chiefly painted flowers; and Kaburajai greatly exaggerated, those who have ex-turtan, whose best pictures are studies of patiated on it having mostly lived in greatly exaggerated, those who have expatiated on it having mostly lived in Japan, only in Europeanized hotels, or moved in a consular or academic coterie, instead of blending with the people, accepting their mode of life.

The decline of Japanese art is owing simply to the lack of strong individualities, the new freedom having failed to create such, even as the old tyranny failed to suppress them. Yet no doubt the blight is merely ephemeral, no doubt Japan will soon, once more, bring forth a group of splendid masters, thus giv-ing a fresh significance and justice to the most poetic of her many names, The Empire of the rising Sun.



#### Capo Di Monte Porcelains

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senza inventario" der Duke Antonio, while under Charles himself he had been "Primo depintore di camera." Is it any wonder that, with all these qualifications, he should have been able to bring forth such perfect work at the King's pet porcelain Charles also had an

eye to business; most monarchs have had. Like the French kings of a later period he was thoroughly interested in the sales from the royal enterprise. He inaugurated an annual porce lain fair in Naples-the fair of 1745 brought in nearly half a million gold ducats!—and there was a saying current in his day that the pur-chase of a goodly number of Capo di Monte pieces was a sure way to win the monarch's special favor. Charles successor followed the same course. I do not believe Lord Nelson was seeking any such attention when he set foot in the Palace Park in 1798, for this is what he wrote about it : "I went to visit the magnificent manufac-ture of porcelain. After having admired all the beautiful things and as

given order to deliver to me anything I wished gratis." I have never found out just what Lord Nelson carried away, and whether or not "the busts in porcelain of the entire royal family" were wished upon him or not as he emerged from the factory's one and single door-

In 1759 Charles succeeded to the throne of Spain and left that of Naples to his third son. He had no thought of deserting his hobby and carried along with him the best workmen from Capo di Monte. What Naples lost in qualification Spain gained in the Spanish porcelain of Buen Retiro which Charles founded in his new kingdom

Crown and the N and Crown, in blue. This was known as the Second Period of Capo di Monte. Extreme Roc-coco forms appeared. The works were re-established after Charles's departure, first at Por-tici and then brought again to Naples. In Windsor Castle, England, there is a Capo land, there is a Capo di Monte dinner service which the King of Na-ples presented to George III in 1787. On May 18, 1818, the manu-factory of the old ware ceased under royal patronage and the Doccia fronge and the Doccia factory is said to have acquired the molds of the Capo di Monte pieces. For a little while before this the Capo di Monte ware continued as a private enterprise, but with the advent of the Parthenopean Republic and the political crisis the com-plete end of the old ware had come about.

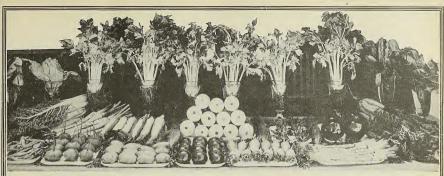
Under Ferdinand IV

and the regency, the wares of Capo di Mon-

te degenerated year after year. A new mark adopted, the FNF and

Ferdinand had estab-lished an Accademia del Nudo in Naples in the year 1898 and gesso copies of ancient sculp-

It had nearly sport all ture were then pro-ture were then pro-ture money I had with me, I saw duced. The Capo di Monte figures the busts in porcelain of the entire are very lovely and fine examples royal family. Then when I wished to of this gener to be treasured. But pay I was informed that the King had even the other objects in Capo di given order to deliver to me anything Monte of the late period do not, a great number of them, deserve the neglect they have received, partly I think, because so many writers of handbooks on cer-amics pass slightingly over them, or tell us they are of little interest or worth, True it is that much of this Second Period Capo di Monte was but an imitaremot Capo on whome was but an imitation of Sevres, decoration and all, but even here there were lovely pieces. As for me my little cut that has the N that is not Napoleon's came to be invested with as much interest as though it had with as much interest as though it had been, for, there in the little cabinet, it reminds me of the Naples I know and love, and that brings it nearer to my heart than the Bonaparte ever could be!



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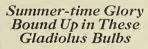
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### The Bedroom for Middle Age

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derived from dulled, grayed tones, accents of color in the hangings, the up-holsteries, the books, the lamps and the flowers. A fire crackling on the hearth, a tea kette capable of singing!

There is always an irony in endangle of the consequentially youthful setting. Looking at herself in the mirror day after day against an inharmonious background is against an inharmonious background is enough to take away any woman's self-conceit. The wrong setting can make her hair look wispy and drab, her eyes faded, her skin gray. It can make her look fat or too thin. . . But in a room that has grown by degrees, an-swering the claim of individuality, grown so gradually that not one thing in it has overshadowed the rest, so that the scheme seems to melt together in the most wonderful sort of way, this same wispy woman will be transformed, because she is the factor around which the whole room is built,—all the tones, the shadows, the lights in the right places,—all these things are there to give the right value to her.

the right value to her.

Seeing her standing in her room, you will admire her. Looking at herself in the mirror above her dresser, against the background of her room, she can always see the possibilities of charm and beauty in herself, and can make the most of them: it will become easy because she is in her right environmenta becoming room. And when she finds herself in other settings, other rooms, she will know that she has done well by the admiring glances of her friends. Against her own background she has made herself what she ought to be, and she will find that she remains that no matter where she goes.

#### A Mulberry Room

One of the most successful middleaged bedrooms I have seen had mulberry for the leading color note. Tucked way back in a becoming corner of its owner's mind was an indistinct aura of owner's mind was an indistinct and or lavender which proved a guiding star in the selection of just the right hang-ings. Against the cream yellow background of this printed linen loom vague spreading mulberry trees, was spreading mulberry trees, was casional squat Jap boy absorbed in gorging some greenish blue peacocks with the roses necessary to complete a with the color scheme. No posies, bow knots and lacy effects about this cretonne, but a calm strength and vigor that well carries out the spirit of the ivory furniture which, in finish and design, leaves nothing for the heart to desire.

The very old ivory tone of this suite enhanced by the dullness of the finish, a truly wonderful one that will re spond to honest soap and water, and is practically scar-proof. And there is a

certain weighty precision in the propor-tion and details of each piece that is not even reminiscent of the indigestible aspect of some of the more familiar

aspect of some of the more familiar ivory furniture.

The turned bedposts have dignity, and yet the bed is anything but formal in spirit. And there is an almost medieval beauty in the side panels of the dresser, with their vertical wainscoting effect. The mirrors, too, are beautifully proportioned, and have a distinctively decorative quality.

#### The Furniture and Lights

Given such furniture and hangings the rest of the room grew apace. The walls were kept perfectly plain, and were toned a pale gray-putty color, the woodwork was done in ivory to match the furniture. A most delightful greenish gray, or grayish green Wilton rug was found, picked out with a dark slate color. An overstuffed chair was up-holstered in a striped linen repeating the colors of the figured hangings, mulberry, peacock, and a soft buff. The scalloped unbleached muslin counter-pane was enhanced by a bolster throw of this same striped linen; and the glass curtains were made of a sheer cream handkerchief linen, ornamented at the bottom by two rows of wide ladder hemstitching, run in above a four-inch hem. Tucked back of the overdrapes were soft orange crinkled silk crêpe pull curtains for use at night, instead of the hackneyed roller shade.

So much depends upon the lights in

a room, and these were particularly satisfactory. Hanging on a peacock cord in front of the dresser, the buff silk shade was rendered more effective by a scalloped flounce banding of the striped linen, and pipings of mulberry. The lining of thin white, stretched across the bottom to break the glare of the electric bulbs, created a becoming light by which to dress. The wall sconces were supplied with shield shades of mulberry. And the gold Japanese boy proudly held aloft a shade of lav-ender and black. Peacock bowls, old ender and black. Peacock bowls, old yellow jars, and many cushions of vary-ing tones of mulberry complete such a room of joyful individuality that I do believe the lady who lives therein is forgetting to grow old. I am waiting on tiptoe to see. And I am thinking of mulberry myself!

#### Blue and Brown Rooms

Or else blue. For this charming and quite inexpensive furniture can be quite inexpensive turniture can be ob-tained in any color, I am told. And I , have been dreaming of another room scheme which depends very definitely on furniture of that delightful King's blue. The same cretonne with darker (Continued on page 72)



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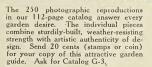
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### The Bedroom for Middle Age

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trees, and some old rose and peacock; these days, and the room could be de-the same striped linen varied in color veloped on a line with the other the same striped linen varied in color to old rose and peacock and black, would be just the thing this blue furni-ture would need, set up against walls of ivory. With a carpet of dark putty, and draw curtains of dull gold, the lamp shades and pillows might repeat the rich old rose of the linen with great

And for those who prefer the more conventional furniture of brown, there is that to be had also, in the same chromewald finish, with the same deis that to be nad also, in the same is growing richer and fuller. The world chromewald finish, with the same de- has suffered. And this access of strength lightful possibility of a soap and water cannot help but be reflected in our describ. The antique finish has a great- sire to be surrounded by interpretive grandfatherly flavor quite in demand possessions of true dignity and beauty.

veloped on a line with the other schemes. . . . Ivory walls, a warm gray carpet, peacock and mustard color in the hangings, at least one heliotrope lampshade, with brilliant other color notes in the pillows, books, bowls, and

But these rooms of character! But these rooms of character! After one has been introduced to their de-lights, how anaemic appear the pinks and blues of our childhood. The world is growing richer and fuller. The world

### Heraldry as a Decorative Accessory

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commended, and still do strongly come coloring; and, finally, in painting apmend, the decorative use of heraldry, biled to flat surfaces of plaster or stone First is the concentration and complete- walls and cellings, or flat woodwork in ness of an heraldic device as an inde-pendent and detached design, its simpendent and detached design, its sim-plicity, its incisive, clear-cut character, its usually conventionalized and sym-bolic motifs. This qualification fits it to serve either as a decorative climax, a center or culmination for a surrounding and supporting body of ornamental detail, or else, in quite the opposite capacity, as an isolated spot of con-centrated enrichment on a perfectly centrated enrichment on a perfectly plain background. In the second place, it is decoratively attractive when the devices are duly blazoned in their prop-er colors because of the fresh, bold tones and vigorous contrasts of the tinctures, the likes of which we are often not courageous enough to employ

otherwise. The fixed architectural background of a room provides the most numerous opportunities for the effective utilization of heraldry. Here it may be successfully employed as a decoration in cessing employed as a decoration in carved wood or stone, either with or without the addition of color; in glass, either with leading and monochrome painting or with full colors; in cast iron items, such as firebacks, or in sun-dry wrought iron details which may also have the addition of color and gilding; in tiles of various descriptions and

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One of the accompanying illustrations shows a representative instance in which heraldic bearings, carved in stone, are appropriately used as the central feature of a chimney-piece decoration. It may be noted that when armorial bearings are to be painted on wood or plaster the surface being either flat or modeled -if the tinctures appear too vivid in tone to accord with the surroundings, their effect may be appreciably softened, without materially changing the key, by using distemper colors. Regarding heraldry in the windows of houses it is worth while to call at-

tention to the purely secular small car-toons meant to be set in a surrounding of clear glass in leaded casements. These were executed either in color or in were executed either in color or in monochrome and hetaltic motifs gen-erally played a conspicuous part in their composition. The old precedent is being admirably followed by modern glass painters. As spots of either color or design, their effect is full of interest. Nearly related to the use of heraldry in windows and exceedingly constant. in windows, and exceedingly appropriate, is the incorporation of certain of the old Italian, English, French and Dutch printers' marks or badges in library



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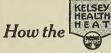


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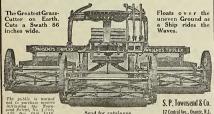
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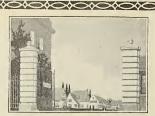
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well as the style of the bed itself. This can be either plain goods or material like the curtains. If possible, it is better to choose figured goods, the exception being where the bedspread has been made of the same curtain fabric, in which case the head curtain should be plain.

Many of the early beds were deco-rated with curtains at the foot, as well as head, to protect the sleeper against drafts. When the dressing was white it gave the charm of cleanliness that is so dear to every New England housewife. White curtains are often trimmed with

knit fringe, the making of which was a favorite pastime in many a new Eng-land family, more especially when pre-paring the wedding outfit for one of the daughters. This was made not only in different patterns but widths that it might

the various ways of draping the bed.

The bedstead with low posts is less frequently found. For this type can be made an arched canopy or tester, finished with a valance.

Many people would find any cloth over the top of the bed oppressive. To

such as these let it be sug-gested that a canopy of hand-made net finished with an open fringe may be used. Should the lace heading be objectionable it can easily be dispensed with, without spoiling the

The bottom should be draped with a valance that extends from the side rails to the floor. These should match the counterpane or the long curtains in color. White can be used even if the curtains are colored. The prevailing fashion in many of the earliest beds was to use hangings of There are many ways of attaching this valance around the bottom of a four-poster. It must be remembered that our forefathers were unable to purchase wire-woven springs, being forced to use rope woven in and out across the

to use rope woven in and out across the frame, or a canvas which they laced with stout rope. This fact caused the valance to be fastened to the rails of the bed. Now with the coming into style of firmly placed and well fitted box springs, the best method is to attach the flounce to a sheet, spreading between the spring and mattress. It is a very easy matter to take this off shoet and easy matter to take this off, sheet and

easy matter to take this off, sheet and all, that we may launder it.

Time was not so precious or diver-sions not so varied in our grandmother's time as they are today. This accounts for the quantities of hand-made bed spreads and patch work quilts that were so fashionable.

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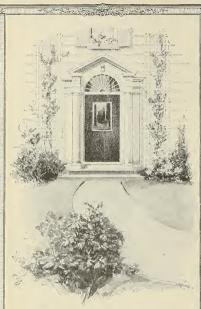
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### Starting the Garden

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with the fresh manure and the sides of piece, leaving the balance of the space the frame banked up to remove the fold the manure. The frame may be hold the manure. The frame may be with about 4" of earth, and when simed and smoothed over it will be gardeners to start with too much energy from the state of the great sizes. The one big factor when preparances with good judgment, else ultimate thotals is the heating value of the by we shall be brought face to face with

nrmed and smoothed over it will be ready for sowing.

The one big factor when preparing hotbeds is the heating value of the manure. Only fresh horse manure should be used, and only that from animals that are grain fed; there is lit-tle heating value in the manure if the the fact that our possessions own us. whole lot of March faith will not make the rain fall at the psychological mo-ment in July; figuring how easy it is to the heating value in the manure if the animals are feed on roots, hay and other soft feed. The manure for a hotbed should be well moistened when it is placed in the frame, and if well firmed grow one hundred tomato plants may be very good, but estimating on making twenty-five perfect plants produce more fruit than one hundred ordinary ones is placed in the frame, and if well firmed by constant tramping during the filling it will hold its heat considerably longer. After the soil has been thoroughly warmed the seeds can be sown, either scattered in small beds divided by sticks or in separate rows. The frame should never be filled unless additional frames better. This is not written to frighten anyone, but merely to bring out the point that gardens are planned too lav-ishly in March and far too meagerly in July. Is it because we overdo the thing at the beginning, and when ad-versity comes to us we quit? Thouversity comes to us we quit: Industrial sands of these promising spring gardens have shot their bolt by midsummer, (Continued on page 80) are available for the young plants when they require transplanting. When limited



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### Starting the Garden

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tend to care for. Twenty-five or thirty plants of tomatoes are all that any small home garden will require. Fifty seeds should assure this number of plants, so why bother with a hundred? Concen-trate on the twenty-five idea with the intention of having them perfect. Feppers and eeg-plant can be sewen how. If you will allow for two perfect plants of each for every member of your

household you will have a surplus crop for your lazy neighbors who have no garden. Early celery must also be sown garden. Early celery must also be sown now. Figure out how many heads of celery you can use between August and November, when the late crop will be ready for use, and raise that number of plants

The sowing of early cabbage and cauliflower is also timely now. Cab-bage will split in the hot days of summer, so there is no sense in raising any more than you can use up to and in-clusive of July. The same applies to clusive of July. The same applies to spring cauliflower. In the fall large plantings of these crops are advisable, as they keep well; but for spring use figure out your requirements and make your garden fit your needs

your garden fit your needs.

Lettuce, while appreciated in liberal
quantities, must be sown frequently as
it does not remain in perfect condition
for any considerable time. With all
crops of this kind that mature and
quickly pass the useful stage the secret
of success is small sowings at frequent
interests. About fifty plants stayed. intervals. About fifty plants started now and the same quantity three or four weeks hence will give liberal quan-

tities for the average garden.

Onions are improved by early starting. The young plants are handled the advantage gained by early sowing is the increased size, onions weighing a pound or more being very common as a result. Another distinct gain is that when they are planted out they are large enough to be practically immune from attacks of the onion maggot.

Where the space is available there are other vegetables that can be started now advantageously. In every case, how-ever, it simply means the starting of enough to afford us early vegetables until the outside sowings are ready, as there is no advantage other than their maturity. Beets, carrots, kohlrabi and parsley come under this head-

#### Manure Values

The name manure is usually applied and should not be used to the exclusion to any substance supplied to the soil of other fertilizing mediums or they will to increase productiveness, or to ime endanger the health and normal develprove the physical character of the opment of the plants.

and I believe that one of the causes is ground and to stimulate growth in an plannine a larger garden than you in-indirect way. By direct contact with tend to care for. Twenty-five or thirty the roots of the plants, certain manures, by virtue of their chemical makeup or by virtue of their chemical makeup or the gases they release when decompos-ing, create a thrifty and well balanced growth. These are termed bulk ma-nures and consist of the droppings of various animals mixed with bedding materials. They are unquestionably the best means of restoring to the soil the elements that growing plants take from

Bulk manures vary in value, some be-ing higher in food value than others. They are generally used in the same manner, simply regulating the quantity according to the food value of the kind used. According to their chemical analysis they range as follows: sheep, pig, e and fowl, cow and horse. While the bulk Cab- of bedding contained in horse and cow manure reduces its chemical content it does not decrease its value but is bene-ficial. For all garden work, therefore, the order of value is: cow, horse, pig, sheep and fowl.

Seaweed is used in some localities where it is available. Its principal value is as a moisture retainer, as raw sea-weed contains very little fertilizing val-When dried and burned, however, it is rich in soda and is valuable. Fish of all kinds make an excellent plant food; they disintegrate quickly and are soon assimilated by the roots. Mussels, soon assimilated by the roots. Musses, starfish and various fish worthless as food are used considerably at seaside locations. These may be ploughed un-der and form a well balanced ration der and form a well balanced ration for all kinds of crops. They are very high in chemical content and release their gases freely. They must not be used in large quantities or they are liable to burn the roots.

Leaf mold, garden refuse, garbage or any form of decayed vegetation are among the very best soil builders. They improve the character of the call and

improve the character of the soil and encourage rooting. They are not as rich in plant food as the bulk manure or fish fertilizers and may be used more freely. Cover crops, too, come under this heading, and the progress made in the use of these in the last few years reflects their true value.

concentrated fertilizers of various kinds are made from bone, blood, ashes, sodium nitrate and other strong chemical elements. They are for the most part strong and are used sparingly more in the form of an invigorator or tonic than a complete fertilizer. Some of these fertilizers are not well balanced



### Cane and Bush Fruits for the Kitchen Garden

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### The Third Year Living Room

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piece. The frame is of dull gold and started. This is done by the selection the sunk molding of the blue green of a chintz, in the first year, that conartiqued and made especially to fit in tains two favorite colors. It takes eight with the dimensions of the chimney yards for the curtains and one and a breast. The frame is of unusual shape. The rooms have started now to be quite handsome and still we have spent very little, as the painting in a size to fit the mantel breast costs \$115, and there are a variety of old masters which can be copied, if one does not care for the little bird on the tree branch.

The third year the couch is drawn up before the fireplace and gets its permanent covering of striped mulberry velvet, because while the sateen is still good, we want to have the room more elegant. On it are put two large taffeta

elegant. On it are put two large taffeta cushions, one in sage green and one in reddish orange, a tone to brighten up the mulberry, costing \$16 a piece.

The new chair to be added matches the sofa but is cowered in striped upholstery material in mulberry. It sets off the velvet of the sofa. The chair costs \$60 and takes five yards of \$5 material.

The sewed up corneting is rendered by

The sewed up carpeting is replaced by a thick rich chenille rug in a darker tone than the carpet as the room has be-come more rich and therefore needs the deeper color on the floor. The rug costs \$144. The expense this year with the exception of the one chair and the sofa cushions goes into the rug, the hangings and the couch upholstery. The wicker chair goes with the curtains up-stairs into a guest room, or if the curtains are worn out, the wicker chair

tains are wom out, the wicker chair goes out to the porch.

The windows now are ready for their permanent treatment. For overcurtains we use a rich mulberry 50° damask at \$9,975 a yard. The pattern is striking and the whole room is now keyed to mulberry, instead of blue green as well.

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For under curtains we will use a 50° For under curtains we will use a 50° champagne silk gauze. It throws a mellow light through the room and tones in with the damask. It will take eight and two-thirds yards at \$3 a yard. The room as it now stands will defy The room as it now stands will depy the criticism of the most censorious in-law and the bride has "the proper back-ground," as we decorators say, for her personality as a woman of society.

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#### Are These Your Problems?

Some of the answers which have been given by our Information Service to subscribers who had parden questions to ask

Inquiry-Will you kindly give me ome information and advice in regard to varieties and planting of locusts?

I have a flower garden situated on the almost level top (very slightly high-

er in the middle) of a high bank fringed by a thicket of locusts. The very young locust trees are used as retainers of the soil on the aforesaid steep bank, and their tops, feathery and green and healthy throughout a long season in this locality, shade the border of my garden and are very beautiful.

I want to use this sometimes very objectionable tree in another place on higher ground in the garden as an or-namental shrubbery group or border to a walk in company with rose acacia or

pink locust.

I presume the locust already here is the common yellow locust-not the honey locust. In the spring part of these trees have quantities of beautiful white blossoms and others have no bloom at all. Why is this? Are some of them sterile, and is there any way I can tell, in transplanting, which will have flowers and which will not? Also, nave nowers and which will not? Also, can I successfully transplant young locusts (there are quantities of seedlings in this section which I can get for the digging) in the fall of the year; and if so, about what time should it be done? Is it necessary to observe any particular rule? I know that the common locust tree is not a tender plant by any means, but I want to do the work to the best advantage in order to have it success-fully established the more quickly in my garden.

Will you also tell me something of the requirements of the rose acacia?

I plant it any time this fall?

Answer-Botanically speaking, there is no reason which would account for the absence of blossoms on some of your locust trees, nor is there any peculiarity of form which would enable you to distinguish between the bloomers and the non-bloomers. It is possible, however, that soil conditions may have something to do with the matter.

The trees that blossom may have the proper food elements to make blossoms, and the others may lack them. Are all your trees growing close together, in ex-actly the same sort of soil? Especially if they are not, I would suggest that you experiment with bone meal and lime worked in around the non-blooming individuals. Of course, locusts as a rule need very little coddling, but in this out the pool, simply the bird bath. case it might be successful. The stimulant should be applied in the spring (Continued on page 86)

Another possible explanation is that some of the trees have been attacked by borers to such an extent that their vital-ity has been seriously impaired. If this is the case, you would be quite sure to suspect the trouble because of the presence of dead branches and the generally

debilitated appearance of the tree.

Locusts are usually propagated by seeds or budding, but I know of no reason why the young trees could not be transplanted with a fair certainty of success. The fall would be the best time to make the experiment. Take them up carefully, with particular efforts not to injure the roots, and reset as you would other deciduous trees and shrubs. Be sure to mulch the roots through the first winter, to prevent alternate freezing and thawing. Dead leaves terial for this purpose. Dead leaves are a good ma-

The rose acacia calls for the same sort of treatment as the common locust, and, like it, is never at its best in sour soil.

October would be the best time for transplanting any of this family.

Inquiry—We moved into our house in May, but were so busy doing over the interior that we could not spend time on the exterior. I have learned, however, that our heavy clay soil will not produce anything! I did succeed with some morning glories and carrots plant-ed by the side of the garage, and some gladiolii did fairly well on the south

The soil has never been worked by previous tenants and building stones and bricks are still in the ground from the time the house was built.

We are on a short, tucked-away street, with many fine old forest trees about. Across from us is a wooded hill

which belongs to a beautiful estate. Next us on the north is a large lot with many old trees—we do not know its fate. In the rear of our lot, at the back and side, are unsightly backyards. My idea in general is to inclose our place, thus shutting out all that is ugly and retaining only the woodsy atmos-phere. I like the seclusion without the

shut-in feeling that French homes have Of course, in these war times I'd like a vegetable garden and fruit trees and ven berry bushes. How can I have all

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#### Are These Your Problems?

(Continued from page 84)

the house and gardens which show all

solutely in your hands. I don't know how and where to begin. I know I want seclusion; evergreen trees; fruit trees; perennials in rose, pink and blue and orange (not yellow); perhaps dark red berries and white; a vegetable garden. I want these with the smallest outlay of money possible, and as simply these seconds have a simply the second or the second of the seco done as can be, as it is hard to get adequate help.

Is this an impossible task? At least you could, perhaps, give me a working Would you advise putting an inexpen-

sive fence all about and raising quickgrowing vines on it until I could get trees and shrubs started?

Back of the side entrance porch is

guite a large space where I would like effective planting. It is on the north side and gets very little sun. I have planted lilies of the valley there, but of course want something larger.

If I am not imposing too much upon you I would like to know what to do— starting now—step by step in develop-ing the soil, choosing the trees, shrubs and flowers and planting and caring for them. I want to make my little city lot a real House & Garden place.

Answer-I have been much interested in your letter and the photographs showing the various parts of your house and grounds which you wish improved, Perhaps the following suggestions will be of assistance to you in working out what is going to be a very interesting set of problems

Taking up your various questions in the order in which you ask them, I would say in the first place that before you can get complete and satisfactory results from your grounds it will be necessary to remove the greater part of the bricks and building stones which have been left lying about. It is a very diffi-cult matter to cultivate and plant ground successfully as long as any amount of rubbish like this remains.

As to the treatment of the soil itself, I would not advise your undertaking at I would not advise your underturing at the present time any radical improve-ments, such as the incorporation with the clay of lighter loam. Work of this the clay of lighter loam. Work of this sort is very expensive at the present time on account of the high cost of labor, and I assume from your letter that this would be a decided disadvantage. If you can arrange to have a few loads of good garden soil added to the area in which you plan to put your vegetable rows, I would by all means advise your doing it, but as for the grounds in general, I think that you can get fairly satisfactory results without attempting

You are perfectly right in planning to retain most of the old trees which are now on the place, and in not wishing to interfere in any way with the general woodsy effect of the situation as it now stands. You have an opportunity to make a most attractive arrangement of shrubs, etc., and I feel that any attempt at formality in the planting would be most unwise.

On the other hand, the large amount the ugliest features. Please note com- of shade which these trees cast is going ments on the back of each. I am such a novice and have so little securing of varied effects with flowers courage that I'd like to put myself ab- and shrubs. The great majority of solutely in your hands. I don't know plants need plenty of sunlight and good air circulation. An effect such as that presented by the perennial border and pool in the clipping which you enclosed would be difficult for you to obtain for this reason, if I understand correctly the present arrangement of the place. Everything that follows is based on the assumption that there is considerably more shade than sunlight over the greater part

of your grounds.

The rocks at either side of the drive-way might be covered with Virginia creeper, allowed to scramble over them in the natural manner. The use of a few hemlocks to shut off the view of the rear of the house shown in this picture would be advisable.

In the view showing the corner of the house and the two large trees in the locks and rhododendrons combined offer the best possibilities for screening the

The Boston ivy which you have planted at one side of the house will probably soon begin to climb the walls satisfactorily. It often happens that this vine attains considerable size before it will take proper hold of vertical surfaces

You might try two or three small fruit trees on this side of the house, provided they will get a fair amount of sunshine. The approach to the garage can be marked out definitely with a hedging of Japanese barberry, which is one of the comparatively few shrubs which ought

to do well in such a shady location. shrubs with pink flowers and white ber-ries, to which you refer on one of the photographs, are apparently snowberries. There is no way of forcing these bushes to attain a height of more than three or four feet, as this represents their usual maximum of growth.

If you decide to put in a vegetable garden along the side of the garage, you might find it best to use a fence for a permanent boundary line around it, inasmuch as it is never advisable to bound a small vegetable garden with trees or shrubs, partly because of their resultant shade and partly because their roots will take too much nourishment from the

Around the kitchen entrance I would Japanese barberry and Deutzia gracilis, as screens for the objectionable features. These shrubs should be planted in an informal, irregular mass in keeping with the rest of the planting

These suggestions may seem to rather detached, but I trust they will give you a basis on which to begin your work. Inasmuch as you really need an almost complete remodeling of your place, you will have to go ahead gradually and feel your way, as it were. I should first take up the matter of boundary planting, as without that well under way it would be difficult to decide the definite details of the rest of the

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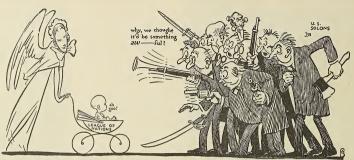
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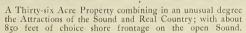
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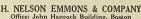
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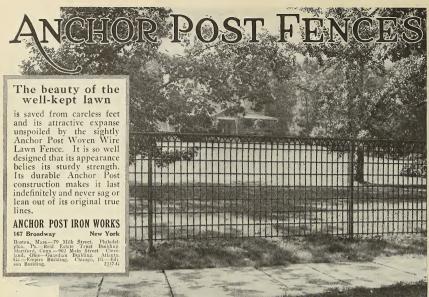
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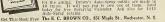
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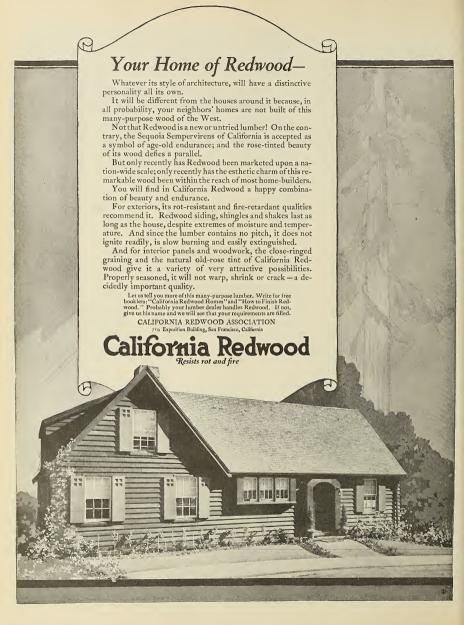
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#### SPRING FURNISHING IN MAY

WHEN you think of Spring Furnishing, you think of new hangings, of furniture and decorations for that summer cottage or camp, porch furniture and all the little, fresh, gay-colored accessories that go to make a home pleasant to live in in summer. Think of these, and you think of the May House &

The subject of decoration for a summer camp in the woods is amply considered with sugges-tive photographs and numerous color schemes. Many of them apply as well to seashore cot-tages, so that in the article the various kinds of resorts and retreats are covered. The article on using painted furniture for summer homes likewise carries a suggestive note, as does the page of porch furniture—the newest on the market—and the two pages showing the uses market—and the two pages snowing the uses for a day bed. But these are only three of the decoration schemes in this issue. There is something on how to handle your books in a decorative fashion—for books are very decodecorative Iasinon—for books are very deco-rative and help humanize a room—and another on dining rooms, with prices. We can also recommend the Little Portfolio in this issue. For the prospective home builder there is

an excellent article on chimneys, a page of in-



It looks very ancient, this outside, garden stairway—and yet it is quite new, You will see it in the May issue

formation about paint, stain and varnish which explains the mysteries and uses of each, a little remodelled country home called "The Doll's House," and rightly so, and finally an English home of very unusual architecture.

The collector is well taken care of in May She has Gardener Teall's article on Mezzotints, illustrated with reproductions from some of the best private collections in New York, or the production of the best private collections in New York, and the production of the best private collections in New York, or the production of the collected everything that was in the shape of

a basket. a basket.

The gardening articles describe the necessary trees for the home orchard, the work to be done in the May vegetable garden and include, of course, the Calendar. Refrigerators are also described in this issue—a succincil little rendering of the purposes and possibilities of this course, the calendar course of the purposes and possibilities.

this very necessary household equipment.

Here we are, almost at the end, and never a word about the music room or the artist's colony of remodeled houses or the full page of the outside stairs or the breakfast room that also serves for reception room. Well, there is so much in this next issue that we can't describe it all in 328 words.

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fine, sinuous curve, the sweep and swirl upward, the delicacy of hand-vail, the slimmess of turned balusters, the satisfying completion of the newel. Below the curve moilj is repeated in the down grade of another stairs. This example—and it is close to being perfectwas designed by Welles Bowworth, architect was designed by Welles Bowworth, architect



### TENDENCIES IN MODERN DECORATION

The Post-War Desire for Cheery Interiors and the Judicious Use of Color a Saner Basis for the Exercise of Taste

#### AMI RONGÉ

IT would be the sheerest folly to predict that any one style of decoration will be evolved from the maelstrom of the war. Since this was not merely an affair of one nation against another, but a war of many, the influence is scattered over several victorious nations and the styles they produced.

We cannot say that there will be a prepon-

derance of English interiors or of French or of American Colonial, or even a combination of all three. Since decoration is an eclectic matter, no hard and fast rules can be made. It is an expression of the manner of living. Consequently, if we have a French wave or a British infiltration, or a revival of the American Colonialand many say that American Colonial will be the favorite - it will be because it best expresses the times.

Of one thing, however, we are certain—the war having purged us of many false values has also given us a saner basis for the exercise of taste. Discrimination will have a raison'd'etre deeper than the passing fad. Good taste will be a human principle. We will decorate our homes because we intend to live in them.

Among the obvious results will be that Americans who take pride in their homes will prefer having a few good pieces to many that are mediocre, will tend toward harmonious ensembles and away from faddish conglomerates. We will not be able to afford fads. We will not be able to afford cheap products simply because they are cheap. We have learned that a "poor buy" in furniture is the worst sort of waste.

Another natural result will be the desire for cheery interiors and the judicious use of color.

These four years of war with their necessary economics, inhibitions and losses have left us hungry for cheer one finds in the room of bright tints. The night of the Mission is far spent, and the day of light, delicate furniture and colorate furniture and color-

full walls is at hand.

A third tendency that one can feel is a desire to furnish not only for this generation but for posterity, to select slowly and to purchase with care. The orgy of buying which followed the armistice has slowed down to normal, but the interest in decoration is widening every day. Back of this desire for permanence and awakened interest in decoration lies



In the Victoire Room, designed by John Wanamaker, there is an interesting fireside group of antique walnut chairs upholstered in dark brown velvet with smart little bookcases on either side



The spirit of victory is the inspiration for the "toile de guerre," designed by Jean Lauer, and used for curtains and slip covers, bound with blue tasseta



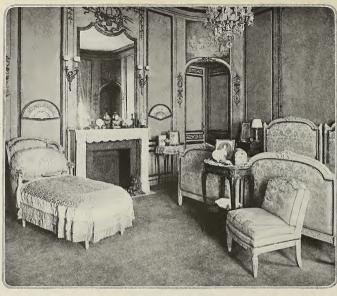
The tri-color, lusty cock and Croix de Guerre are used in the design of the fabric. The tie-backs are blue taffeta with red and blue rosettes

the sociological fact of the times, a fact found in the years coming on the heels of any great world struggle. The unrest of past days is driving men and women back to their hearth-sides to re-establish their Lares and Penates.

On these grounds HOUSE & GARDEN can safely predict that no domestic subject in the near future will enjoy greater popularity and interest than interior decoration. At this writing, we are showing some interiors which have the disfunctive French spirit. In a later issue the English room will be considered in detail.

#### A Victoire Room

The first room shown was decorated in celebration of the victory by John Wanamaker. It is French in every line—modern French—cheerful, gay and very smart. The spirit of Victory has been the inspiration for one of the "toiles de guerre" recently designed by a young Frenchman named Jean Lauer. Its tri-color, lusty cock and Croix de Guerre, all embens of France, form the design. This has given sufficient color to create a "Victoire room" done in the soft toned french interpretation of the



An extraordinarily fine revival of antique Louis XVI is found in the morning room of the apartment of Mrs. Alfred Nathan, New York City. Alavoine & Co., decorators

In the bedroom of the Nathan apartment the Louis XVI spirit also prevails. The background is gray with over-doors in Grisaille and salmon color damask upholstery



tri-color which is far removed from our ordinary conception of the blatant red, white and blue of the flag.

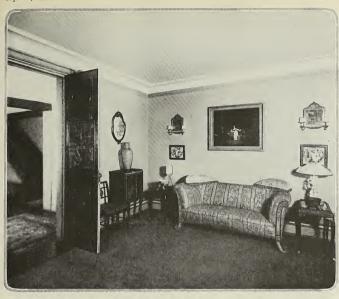
To match the most delicate gray tone colors in the chintz blue taffeta was chosen to edge the curtains and tie-backs of the same, finished with a taffeta rosette of the same delicate red and blue. The lamp shade is café au lait with scalloped edges bound in red and blue.

### The Furniture and Walls

The Victoire chintz is used for slip covers as well. Some of the covers, however, are made in natural colored linen bound in red in some cases and blue in others. The walls are a warm cream color and on them hang quaint old French prints showing the gay and radiant ladies of the times. Some of the taffeta cushions are in blue, others in red.

The fireside grouping with its antique walnut chairs upholstered in dark brown mohair and its pair of smart little bookcases has dignity and repose. The glass flower holders are legion blue. That same 
color has been rubbed into the 
moldings of the cream walls.

Thus the tri-color has been



The boudoir of Mrs Gifford Cochran shows a clever and pleasant use of unusual lights. The side lights above the couch are Chinese glass pictures made into appliques

English clock of unusual design is an interesting addition.

In the bedroom we find pure Louis XVI spirit prevailing. The old woodwork is painted a delicate tone of gray with beautiful over-doors done in Grisaille. An interesting color combination is evolved by the use of a soft salmo color damask on the furniture and at the windows, which contrasts pleasingly with the touches of dull gold on the carvings of the wall-panels.

A recent exhibition in New York, which pointed toward the amount of interest that there is in beautiful old French furniture, showed a small but fascinating collection of rare and exquisite pieces taken from several New York homes. There were beautiful bits of marquetry, fauticulis covered with petit point, bits of Sevres commodes and consoles.

#### Unusual Lighting

One phase of decoration which irrespective of periods is rarely satisfactorily solved but which is of paramount importance is the question of lighting. In a recently decorated house there were some

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Painted tôle of the early 19th Century forms the base for the couch-side lamp. The mantel fixtures are Adam statuettes in bronze. Karl Freund was the decorator

used with great restraint, with none of the garishness which that color combination might so well have without the delicacy of treatment of which the French are masters.

A different character of French room, one which is purely classic in its treatment

French room, one which is purely classic in its treatment is shown on page 20. It is the morning room in the apartment of Mrs. Alfred Nathan, of which Alavoine & Company were the decorators. An extraordinarily fine example of antique Louis XVI oak woodwork with old over-doors in plaster is sufficient to establish the spirit of the 18th Century. The paneling is particularly remarkable for the beauty of its proportions and the delicate workmanship of its carvings. The mantelpiece of white marble is of the epoch, as are the brilliant striped old yellow damask window curtains. At each side of the fireplace stands a Louis XVI bergère covered with an old brocade in soft tones of blue and rose, Between the windows stands a Louis XV marquetry secretaire, with a Louis XV needlework armchair in front of it. At one side of the window an old





Like the brilliant colored villas on the Italian lakes the house is painted a lovely sun-kissed coral color. The balcony and the shuttered windows are also reminiscent of Italia. From its van 1a age point on the hill, through half-closed green blinds it looks past terraces across a licons and the past that the post planted in formal fashion.



The first terrace with its high stone wall leads to an octagonal shaped logic where tea may be served. Vines clamber over the wall from the border planting at the bottom and flowers fill the terra cotto fars which are an interesting color contrast to the wived blue list used in the deepointed field stone in varying sizes which forms the terrace walls

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 $oldsymbol{I}$  N the parlance of the furniture stores  $oldsymbol{I}$  am known as an overstuffed chair.

Do you dislike that adjective as much as I do? "Overstuffed"as if I were on the point of bursting my seams, like a dowager in black silk and a silvered fan, or an olive crammed with chopped pimentoes! Why, it sounds positively unhealthy as well as unnatural; and I think my whole family, as well as all their friends who have ever sat in me, will agree that I'm anything but that,

They're a good sort, this family of mine. A chair gets to know the people he lives with pretty well after six years of close daily contact. That's the length of time since I left the shop and came out here to this field-stone house with its broad terrace and lawn dropping down toward the river. This morning when Jane had finished dust-

ing the living room and gone upstairs (by the way, I've never seen those upstairs rooms in all the time I've been here) I began figuring idly how many hours I've been sat in since I left the city, and it came to over seven thousand-almost three hundred days of continuous use.

That's something to think about, especially when you realize that for a good deal of the time I was doing triple duty—Master in me and I otty and Son on my two arms, while he told them stories by the firelight. I'm glad I am big and comfortable and strong enough for those parties, because Master and the youngsters are so genuine in their enjoyment of them. All three are jolly and chummy always, of course, but they're especially so when I'm holding them. I like to imagine that I'm partly responsible for that, some way.

HERE'S a lot of personality in the way people sit in chairs. I've watched and felt many a one, so I know what I'm talking about.

Some people sit as though they were afraid we'd break. They are the ones who lack confidence in everything in general and themselves in particular - maybe someone fixed a tack for them once, point up. It's not much satisfaction to a real chair to be under one of that kind; we're always expecting them to jump up and beg somebody's pardon, which isn't very complimentary to us. Even if they don't do that, they're sure to be so restless and fidgety that we can't get used to them and make them feel at home. Generally they just perch on our edges, ready to jump if they hear a crack. Fancy a real chair cracking!

Then there are the nervous people, forever moving from one of us to another, as if they wanted to try us all before they left. They simply don't seem able to keep still, and they always remind me of birds hopping about in the branches of a tree. They must sit in an unconscionable number of chairs during their lives. I wonder why they do it? Are they born that way?

Lazy people are different from either of these, and we like them better. They are so restful and appreciative. There is a certain satisfaction in having somebody sit down in us with a "Well, I'm here for several hours at least" sort of manner. It makes us feel that at least we are being enjoyed in a physical way.

As between people who are thin and those who are stout, we have less preference than you might expect. Of course, fat people are usually the more comfortable, unless they are so large that they don't fit; but lots of the thin ones know so well how to sit in a chair that the satisfaction is mutual, especially if the chair is deeply upholstered the way I am. The real test, from our standpoint, is one of character rather than physique. It makes little actual difference to us whether we are carrying one hundred pounds or two hundred, so long as they belong to someone with a human soul instead of an empty shell. For a genuine soul, you see, means sympathy and naturalness of thought; and a lack of it makes for an uncompromising body, too.

A CHAIR of my age, especially if he has lived as much under people as I have, is bound to acquire something of a philosophy of life. You'll not misunderstand me if I add that in making this statement I refer only to an honest chair, one intended to be sat in and not merely looked at as a rickety, high priced antique.

A chair that nobody ever wants or dares to sit in is, to my mind. no chair at all; for what good are we unless we can give comfort to weary bodies? That is what we were intended for in the first place, and I'm sure that is our real purpose in life. The way Mistress sinks

down into me when she comes in from shopping, or Son curls up in me before dinner, when he's been playing ball or skating all the afternoon. makes me feel I'm right about this. And when Master goes to sleep in me sometimes of an evening I am able to rest his mind as well as his body.

It's funny how many people do that-go to sleep in me in the evening, I mean. They'll come in with a book or a magazine, light the reading lamp at my left shoulder, and settle down as if they were going to finish a dozen chapters without stopping. The pages turn quite regularly for ten minutes or so, and then they begin to go more slowly. Pretty soon the book is laid on my arm, face down and open so as to keep the place. Probably they think they'll wake up in a little while and go

on reading, but I know better. Yes, it's rather fun, being a chair. R. S. L.



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### A STANDARD for ARCHITECTURAL DETAIL

You may have often wondered why you like one architectural glimpse more than another. Nin-times out of ten the one you take is a combination of many elements put together with such studied aritisty that none could be detracted or added. The elements of this garden front entrance—it is the residence of M. C. Migel, Buy, at Monroe,

New York—are hard burnt, red, irregular bricks land with a slightly struck white joint and in Flemish bond, key-bloch, shew-backs and sail of white marble; and the detail of the door itself in white painted wood. The shuttered window above, the brick path below and the specimen cedars prame the pricture. Lewis Coll Albro, the architect



A beautiful example of marquetry is found in this bureau rondel made for Stanislas Leczinski, King of Poland

#### THE THE ART OF INTARSIATORE

Showing the Difference Between Marquetry and Intarsia and the Furniture in These Styles That Collectors Seek

#### GARDNER TEALL



word derived from the Latin "interserere," to insert, while marquetry is a word derived from the French word "marqueter," to spot, to mark, to speckle, to checker. "Narcissus", an in-tarsia panel by Gardner Teall

From this it would appear that one should, strictly speaking, apply

JUST what should be called intarsia and

just what should be

called marquetry will

best be understood by

noting that intarsia is a

the term intarsia to work in which the space to be occupied by the design was first carved out of the wood and then filled in with bits of wood of other sorts and colors (as well as with ivory, mother-of-pearl, bone, metal in some sorts of intarsia), skillfully cut to fit the depressions exactly, and all finished off to a flat

surface, while the term marquetry should be applied to work with the pattern inlaid with thin sheets of different woods and other materials

In the latter work the thin sheets or veneers (one sheet for each separate material, color or "effect") were all placed, one over the other,



An interesting domestic scene is de-picted in this intarsia panel, enclosed in an elaborate border. Spanish, of the 17th Century



Dutch marquetry of 18th Century workmanship is found in this remarkable bow-front corner cabinet



The use of ivory intarsia, a favorite decoration, is found in this Italian cabinet, an example of 18th Century work

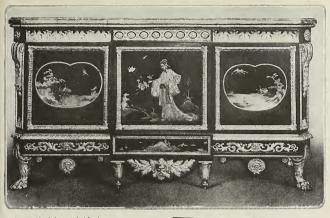
and cut through the overlying drawing of the design at the same time, producing, by this sawing process, the pieces which, much after the fashion of a picture puzzle, were fitted together and glued to the body of the piece of furniture so to be "inlaid." Nearly all of the inlaid work of the 17th and 18th centuries is marquetry of this sort as shown in the accompanying illustrations.

Inlaying is an art that reaches back to remote antiquity, and inlaid furniture was in common use by Assyrians, Egyptians, Greeks and Romans. The Greeks employed two sorts of inlay decoration-the sectile, which consisted of inserting ornament here and there upon the wood, and the pictorial, or decoration which entirely covered the surface of the wood with the design.

In the Odyssey we find described Penelope's bed, "made fair with inlaid work of gold, and of silver and of ivory." Jausanias tells us of the Box of Kypselos in the Temple of Hera, which chest was of cedar partly carved and



The Queen Anne style of inlay is seen in this desk where inlay is combined with burl walnut



A commode of the period of Louis XV, showing a Chinese motif inlaid in a piece of distinctly French workmanship

partly inset with gold and ivory. Pindar, too, has something to say of inlaying, and of course Vitrivius and Pliny do not neglect mention of the important and much admired intarsia and marquetry of their time. This is what Pliny says in his Natural History-I quote from Bohn's Translation-"Glue, too, plays one of the principal parts in all veneering and works of marquetry. For this purpose the workmen usually employ wood with a threaded vein, to which they give the name of 'ferulea,' from its resemblance to the grain of the giant fennel, this part of the wood being preferred from its being dot-ted and wavy." And again, "The wood, too, of the beech is easily worked, although it is brittle and soft. Cut into thin layers of veneer it is very flexible, but is only used for the construction of boxes and desks. The wood, too, of the holm oak is cut into veneers of remarkable thinness, the color of which is far from unsightly; but it is more particularly where it is exposed to friction that this wood is valued as being one to be depended upon."

#### Pliny on Veneers

Pliny continues with a list of woods suitable for veneers, and makes mention of the ornamental woods whose appearance, he tells us 'originated that requirement of luxury which displays itself in covering one tree with another, and bestowing upon the more common

Contrasting with the intarsia commode shown above is this elaborate marquetry cabinet of late 18th Century French design



woods a bark of higher price. In order to make a single tree sell many times over laminæ of veneer have been devised; but that was not thought sufficient-the horns of animals must next be stained of different colors, and their teeth cut into sections, in order to decorate wood with ivory, and, at a later period, to veneer it all over. Then, after all this, man must go and seek his materials in the sea as well! For this purpose he has learned to cut tortoise shell into sections; and of late, in the reign of Nero, there was a monstrous invention devised of destroying its natural appearance by paint, and making it sell at a still higher price by a successful imitation of wood." Of late, in the reign of Nero! Of

late, but how like to-day it sounds!
And finally this exposure of
sham, "It is in this way that the
value of our couches is so greatly
enhanced; it is in this way, too,
that they bid the rich lustre of the
terebinth to be outdone, a mock
citrus to be made that shall be more
valuable than the real one, and the

valuable than the real one, and the grain of the maple to be feigned. At one time luxury was not content with wood; at the present day it sets us on buying tortoise shells in the guise of wood."

Time of Nero, indeed! What a

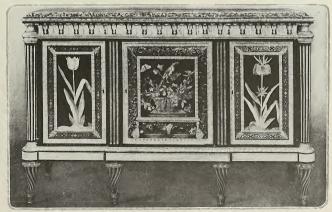
perfect prophet you were, Pliny!

#### The Origin of Inlay

Although Pliny and the others had been relegated to the waste basket of the Dark Ages, not to emerge until Messer Petrarch and the other humanists of the Rennaisance saved them all in the nick of

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A William and Mary marquetry cabinet, showing the elaborate application of an intricate design inside and out



### AN ENGLISH HOUSE FOR AN AMERICAN FAMILY

Grithow Field, Close by Cambridge

#### COSTEN FITZ-GIBBON

BRITISH architects have a frank admiration for American public buildings.

It is pleasant to feel that the praise they sound is deserved.

On the other hand, it is equally true that much of what is best in modern American domestic architecture is traceable to inspiration drawn from the work of many British architects, whose skill in home-building is preëminent. There is almost always something

There is almost always something worth while to be learned from a close study of the houses, whether large or small, being built in the Mother Country, something that may contribute materially to the facility of our own domestic expression.

#### A Lesser Country House

Grithow Field—from Saxon times the name has clung to this little plot of land on the outskirts of Cambridge—is one of the happiest examples of moderate-sized British domestic work completed just before the war. In general treatment the adherence to local tradition is sufficiently strong to

adherence to local tradition is sufficiently strong t ensure complete harmony with the environment.

Adherence to local tradition, however, has not been so rigid at Grithow Field as to tranmed the play of originality and to hinder the exercise of obvious common sense in dealing with the requirements of the case. There is no attempt at archeological pedantry. The structure was designed to enclose a series of interiors that the New England mistress of the house conceived as desirable for embodiment in her home in Old England. The outcome of this



Half-timber and rough stucco combine to make unusual walls. The roof is of vari-colored slates laid at random, with the valleys rounded out and with a kick-up at the eaves. The bedroom windows are equipped with sliding slatted shutters



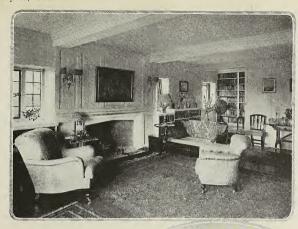
Above the entrance is an uncommon handling of dormers. This break in the roof is repeated below to form a narrows covering for the entrance vestibule. Leaded casement windows maintain the architectural atmosphere. Vines cover a latticed leader pipe



A view from the garden shows the irregular fenestration and the unusual placing of chimneys

From the terrace and arch level one goes down a few steps directly to the garden

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Woodwork in the drawing room is painted white, the furniture is mahogany and the casements are left uncurtained

amicable collaboration between an intelligent client and an architect both understanding and appreciative has fully stood the test of time and proved a source of lasting satisfaction.

#### Unusual Roof Lines

Of the exterior features, the roof makes one of the first claims to attention. The tiles were chosen and laid at random, so far as color was concerned, to ensure all the agreeable chance diversities of hue

of which they are capable. The valleys instead of being guttered in an angle and flashed, are rounded out with tiles -a treatment that contributes appreciably to mellowness of lines, as does also the little flaring kick-up at the eaves. On the southwest or garden front the repose of the roof is unbroken by dormer projections. On the northeast or entrance front the unusual method of dormer management, directly above the house door, has both interior necessity and exterior interest sufficient to atone for the interruption of line. The latticed enclosure of the down pipe deserves notice as an expedient both practical and decorative for concealing a necessary feature that is not ordinarily an item of charm.

The level of the entrance front is somewhat higher than the terrace level of the garden front, but the house has been kept sitting flat upon and, so to speak, growing out of the ground all the way round by ingeniously varying the floor levels within.

> In the living room walls are plaster and exposed tincture, the floor tiles and furniture deal and old oak

An agreeable texture has been imparted to the white-coated roughcast of the exterior wall by a kind of "stick and pull" method of manipulating the floats when the stucco mixture was of the proper consistency to let the force of suction play its part in produc-ing the surface finish. This method of plastering gives the walls a legitimate and living character derived from the play of light and shadow and it measurably enhances the quality of reflected color always inherent, but too often unobserved, in all white walls. This same "stick and pull" manipulation can readily be practiced in finishing any stucco-coated wall if attention is paid to the consistency of the plaster. The device of sliding slatted shutters for

The device of sliding slatted shutters for the bed chamber windows in the north-west gable of the garden front is both eminently practical and interesting enough to suggest emulation.

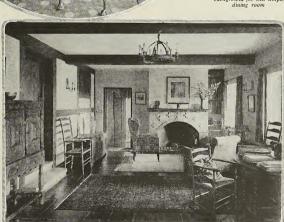
#### The Hall and Drawing Room

Within doors the central portion of the ground floor is occupied by a spacious hall or living-room which gives directly upon the porch, formed by the overhang of the first story, and upon the paved terrace beyond,

where the wide joints between the stones are planted with flatgrowing aromatic herbs. The walls of the hall display on one side the horizontal and transverse timbers fastened together with wooden pins. The floor is paved with large red quarry tiles and simple oak and ash cottage furniture with equally simple printed cotton curtains maintain the unpretentious character of the room. All the woodwork is of deal, rubbed down with a little oil and

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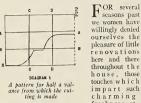
Old Chelsea green walls paneled with the 18th Century manner form the background for this simple diving soom



### HOW TO SELECT SPRING CURTAIN FABRICS

Their Combinations and Finish, Together With Directions and Designs for Making Fitted Valances

### ALICE F. and BETTINA JACKSON



we women have willingly denied ourselves the pleasure of little renovations here and there throughout the house, those touches which impart such charming freshness at

small expense, and without which the bugbear of spring housecleaning seems to have brought no reward. But now that we may, without reproach, once more frivol a bit in our homes we cast our sternly disapproving glance around the room all at once grown shabby, and decide that something must be done, that some renovation is necessary. "Shall it be a rug, new furniture covering, or colorful window hangings? How can I get the best effect with the money I can put into it?" After pondering over the matter Madame wisely concludes that the given sum spent in dressing up the windows will do more to freshen up her room than the same money put into any other single item.

The lot having been cast in favor of new curtains, she turns shopward and with delight visits the counters whereon are temptingly displayed window fabrics of newest design and coloring.

If the new draperies are to be really successful and give your room the hoped-for transformation, do not make a selection haphazard, simply because the design is stunning or the price irresistibly low, but choose with certain definite points in mind-the character and the use of the room, its background, and its color scheme.

There should not be too great a contrast in tone between the drapery and the wall, as dark hangings against light walls are as in-artistic as the reverse. To be truly harmonious the hangings must repeat the color of the wall, a note of the decorative scheme, or both. After finding a piece which meets these requirements, should you make the unpleasant discovery that the price seems prohibitive, consider whether the width will permit of splitting.

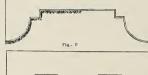
#### For Living and Dining Rooms

You begin quite naturally with the living room or dining room, which, being most used, receive the most wear and tear. If the room is of formal style the window hangings should be of corresponding character, of such materials as are found among the luxurious array of richly colored velours, damasks, armures and heavy reps. When these fabrics are used as overhangings they should be softened and relieved by casement curtains of taffeta, heavy net of square or round mesh, madras, or scrim, in white, cream, or ecru, as the color scheme demands. The informal living room and dining room permit of greater freedom in the matter of texture, color, and pattern; and

from the fascinating profusion of cretonne, warp print, and blocked linen you can easily make a selection.

Many of the imported textiles show dainty garlands, quaint old-fashioned nosegays, or exotic foliage and birds of gorgeous feather. Other lengths sport stripes in brilliant or pastel hues, or a riot of colors in Oriental, Egyptian, or Slavic design, all of these having an exuberance which gives to a room a pleasing vigor if used with restraint. Still more informal and very effective are the natural-color monk's cloth

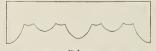
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The type of valance to use depends on the size and height of the window and the height of the ceiling. Fig. A is for a wide, low windows; Fig. E is for one that is narrow and high. Fig. F is for a group of windows. Figs. B and C are formal and for heavy materials

and Russian crash, with applied bands of solid color or figured.

Cotton fabrics of delicate coloring and pattern are charmingly consistent with the accepted informality of the bedroom, and are particularly attractive when combined with casement curtains of crisp ruffled muslin, plain or dotted. Valance of the same material as the side curtains may be used, the valance running across the top or between the curtains.

#### The Walls and the Fabric

When it comes to choosing draperies for any room, either plain or figured fabrics may be used, but more often an interesting note can be struck by a combination of the two.

If your walls are plain, you will avoid the danger of monotony by introducing figured curtains; but should you prefer plain ones it is best to have them several tones lighter or darker than the walls.

Figured goods will also look well against a paper which has an unobtrusive stripe or an inconspicuous geometric pattern. If, on the other hand, the wall shows a decided pattern, pass coldly by all figured temptations.

So many harmonious combinations immediately suggest themselves that you will have no difficulty in finding just the right one. In plain colors variation may be obtained by using different weaves, as, for example, side curtains of rep, armure, or heavy silk, with valances and broad, loose tie-backs of velour edged with heavy silk cord, or banded with silk or metal thread galoon. With side curtains of brocade, damask, or heavy striped silk a valance of plain velour finished with a rather short heavy fringe is interesting. Velour or rep may be appropriately used to top cotton or linen of handsome quality and formal design. To be successful such a valance must emphasize a particular note in the pattern or repeat the color of the stripe; for example, in a gray room you might use green lambrequins over English warp print of soft gray patterned with birds and foliage in which rich greens predominate, or dull blue-and-taupe striped silk with dull blue lambrequins in a room with walls of pale taupe. Equally pleasing is a reversal of the order, i.e., figured valance over plain curtains, especially if the pattern adapts itself to the outline of the lambrequin.

#### Curtain Designs

In planning your window draperies, remember that valances or combinations of materials tend to make small windows look smaller; and that combinations are not in keeping with an usual informal bedroom.

Whether the side hangings shall be full or in narrow, flat panels depends partly upon the character of the room, the shape of the window, and the pattern of the goods. As a rule, the panel is more formal than the fulled curtain, particularly if made of velour or other heavy stuffs. Panels are helpful when you wish to increase the apparent height of a window; as are valances when the opposite effect is sought.

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A Colonial reproduction of sheep and cows grazing, suitable for a dark hall. Blue gray on white and fawn on white ground, \$1.50 a roll



For a small hall, blue and green Japanese tree design on light buff. Effective with blue green hangings, priced at \$2.40 a roll



Shadowy gray blue and mulberry form this scenic paper that we suggest for a Colonial hallway. Unusually priced at \$1.50 a roll



A two tone tan conventional flock paper for a formal hall, \$4 a roll

Adam design in tan and white on yellow. Also in blue. \$2.55 a roll

### WALL PAPERS

### for HALLWAYS

These may be purchased through the House & Garden Shopping Service, 19 West 44th St., New York City

For a large hall, a hand blocked paper in green and white. 30" wide, \$3.50 a roll A heavy Japanese paper with trees in blue, black and red on tan. For wall panels, \$3



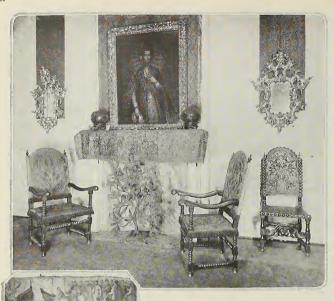


### A GREEK GARDEN in AMERICA

Why go to Greece when you've got yours here? For they have built a Greek garden on Samuel Untermeyer's place at Greystone, New York, a real Greek garden, with a pavilion of marble Corinthian columns and a circular entablature

open to the sky. This imposing garden edifice, which, by the way, is of Alabama marble, stands at the edge of the upper terrace and overlooks the swimming pool with its setting of leaf and flower color. The architect was Welles Bosworth





# AN EXHIBITION of SPANISH ART

In the Studio of David G. Flynn

An interesting group of Spanish turniture of the 17th Century shows a pair of arm chairs of walnut covered in a crimson damas and edged with fringe and galoon of the epoch. Above the mattel kangs a portrait of Sabella Clara Engenia, daughter of Philippe At each side are gold carred wood mirrors of beautiful workmanship. The brocatelle on the mattel is crimson in a classic design of the 16th Century

The carved oak 16th Century chest below is backed by an 18th Century velvet with the royal arms of Portugal in gold and multi-colored silks. At the right is a 17th Century table with iron stretcher, on which stands an exquisite little middly evel cabente. The 16th Century wrought iron lamp bracket has a design of fleur de lis and the importal Spanish coat of arms, the superial Spanish coat of arms, the superial Spanish coat of arms. I will be superial superial superial a museum piece



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Manus Against a beautiful 17th Century piece of green Spanish damaek stands an oak chest, towely in the simplicity of its carving and dignity of proportion. On it is a child's toy chair of the same epoch carved in pine. At each side are Spanish tites of the 17th Century and above kangs a tile in Century and above kangs a tile in Century and choice the paper of the 18th Century and shows the departure of the mission aries for America



# The NURSERY at BILLIE BURKE'S HOME

Occupied by Miss Florenz Patricia Ziegfeld

IN Billic Burke's home at Hastings-on-Hudson there has been created a most delectable nursery for her small daughter, Miss Florenz Patricia Ziegfeld. It is a pink room—pink of a baby's checks—and has the soft tones that go with babyhood. The decorator was Mrs. Cott MacLean.

The walls that give background to the room are a delicate shell pink. For curtains there is used a gauze of the same pink—it has a silvery sheen—trimmed with a rufile of blue taffeta. On the window seats and chair cushions is used a simple little blue and cream colored cretonne.

The bed, which is quite the cutest thing imaginable, is an old one and originally boasted of being mahogany. A coat of white paint changed it, and it has been decorated with a design of many delicate colors to blend exactly with the color scheme of the room.

A simple Colonial design mantel is on one side. Before it stands a fire-screen of needle-point tapestry mounted in a frame finished in dull gold and silver. It is a copy of a screen on exhibit at the Cooper Museum.

on exhibit at the Cooper Museum.

The little shields on the side lights have the same color scheme as the curtains—pink trimmed with blue—and the wall brackets are a deep cream with rose and blue flowers.

Such is the nursery and playroom of Miss Florenz Patricia Ziegfeld—a sort of dream place that also fits, if we might presume to say so, her mother.

White furniture against cream walls, pink gause curtains trimmed with blue taffeta and a needlepoint fire screen—what a luxurious nursery!







The bed, once mahogany, is now painted white with pink and blue decorations to match the general color scheme of the room

### SHADES THAT GIVE COLOR AND LIGHT

Glazed Chintz, Cretonne and Painted Shades Now Make
Pictures of the Modern Window

#### GERTRUDE CAMPBELL

WE have grown so accustomed to plain white or green window shades that it is a pleasure to enter a room where decorative effects have been worked out with painted or chintz shades. For un-questionably, figured shades bring life and character to what would otherwise be a dull, monotonous interior. This is especially true when the decoration reproduces some quaint foreign landscape that is in harmony with the period of the room.

These shades are of two kinds—the paint-ed, depicting a scene or a decorative motif; and the chintz shade in which a strip of glazed chintz is used with its repeat pattern. One's choice will be guided by the room's cost and general character.

#### Decorated Shades

The use of painted and decorated shades

is not new. The Japanese used them as early as 710. They were called "Sarasa," a word translated a thousand years later into "calico". It was material dyed in flower patterns through the use of a cane madder. New patterns were constantly produced and were illustrated in



In the old Benjamin Pope house at Concord, Mass., we find Delft blue and white window shades in combination with blue curtains of a sheer material. They harmonize well with the Colonial furnishings

color in the Japanese pattern books. Doubtless these inspired many other designers, for we find the same ideas used later in England, Switzerland and France.

Occasionally we may run across one of these old samples, but such instances are rare. The

specimens are extremely perishable, crumbling very easily, so that while the patterns are still discernible, the original is too delicate for household purposes. Fortunately the old patterns have been reproduced in the last few years and are now awailable.

In selecting painted or chintz shades the greatest care should be taken to have them harmonize with the draperies, wall tints and rugs. It is inadvisable to use them for grouped windows, as they are too pic-

A Swiss scene on the shade, plain yellow curtains and a pierced wood valance board make this combination. Earle Campbell, decorator

To understand how a glazed chintz shade combines with Directoire and Victorian furnishings study this grouping, by Lee Porter, decorator turesque. Visualize them as pictures and hang accordingly—separate and framed. Thus the single window best brings out their artistic possibilities.

#### Choosing Draperies

The frames for these shade pictures are made by the draperies. In choosing draperies and valances to go with them, solid colors should be selected. Figured fabrics would detract from the interest of the shade itself. The curtains should hang in straight folds and can be topped by an ornamental valance either of plain fabric or of pierced wood, after the fashion of the valance boards used with Venetian blinds fifty years ago. The purpose of the valance, of course, is to finish the window and hide shade roller and curtain rod.

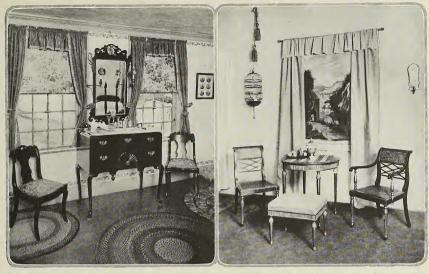
In one of the rooms illustrated here the

wooden valance and plain draperies are shown. The shade is a reproduction of an old design brought from the other side. It represents a Swiss scene in blue and brown. A pierced valance board covers the top of the picture; or either side hang drapes of plain damask case-





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The over-drapes with chintz shades may be bound with an interesting braid, but one questions the advisability of looping them back

ment cloth. Instead of a plain tassel, an old-fashioned wall tassel has been used.

Another type of valance is shown with a chintz shade. The group includes a Directoire chair and a Louis XVI placque-representing a period of restraint-and a Victorian decorated table, The mantel is black marble. The shade is yellow glazed chintz in rich, subdued tones, showing birds in brilliant plumage circling around baskets of flowers and fruit. It is finished with a gay bouillon fringe and tassel which balances the decorative quality of the shade and the valance. For the valance is draped, of a figured damask, and finished with tassels. This grouping also shows the possibilities of using a figured shade in a mixed period room. Such quaint figured fabric shades form a pictured background that the eye naturally seeks and that harmonizes well when judiciously used with the furniture grouped before it.

#### The Rooms for Figured Shades

The joyfulness of these shades makes them particularly adaptable to breakfast and dining room use, where they vie with light tinted furniture to give a touch of gaiety and charm. Take, for example, the first room illustrated here, which is in the Benjamin Pope house at Concord, Mass. The furniture is Colonial mahogany and painted cottage chairs. An old cretonne in delft blue and white is used and simple blue curtains of sheer fabric with a gathered valance. The white woodwork, the rag rug, the old mirror and clock—with all of these the colored shades harmonize perfectly.



An Italian villa is silhouetted against a blue sky in this bedroom shade. Overdrapes and valance are damask. Lee Porter, decorator

Possibly you have considered the dining or breakfast room as the only suitable place for the use of these shades. They are equally acceptable in any part of the house. Here is a living room—on the upper right corner of this page—in which a painted shade shows a Swiss scene picturesque in treatment and framed by yellow casement cloth curtains and are the princh leading valance. The bright reds and greens of the shade correspond per-

In this the colors are bright red and green, and the curtains yellow casement cloth with a French heading valance. William Wallace, decorator

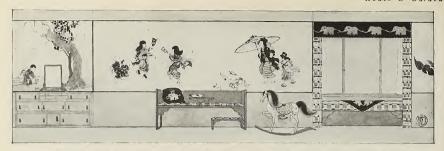
fectly with the painted furniture and the table decorations, the whole giving a unified group effect.

Another example of the light, airy grace of these shades is found in the one (at the bottom of this page) depicting an Italian villa, with large flowers and leaves in the foreground and at the side. The predominating colors are vivid orange, yellow and blue. The draperies on either side are yellow figured damask with a fitted, scalloped valance. This, incidentally, is a bedroom.

A bright touch can be given by the use of braid or fringe on the over-drapery, thus showing a dividing line between them and the shade. It may be formal in design, or rich in coloring. It may be copied from the Oriental types, and may be done so carefully that it is almost impossible to detect the difference.

#### The Selection of Fabrics

The decorative quality of flowered fabrics has been assured and they are of such endless variety that they are available for any purpose. Unfortunately we are too apt misunderstand their value, unless we have imbibed definite principles and ideals to guide us in their selection. We should bear in mind that fully as effective treatment can be brought about through the use of the modern blockprinted chintz. But doubly fortunate is she who has, stored away in her attic, ancestral bits that can be utilized for this purpose. They are especially attractive when treated with panel effects, that is, used with over-draperies, which break the surface and show them to the best advantage.



The baseboard, 2' high, it silver paper or paint. Above that is a panel of Japanese children at play. The couch is in vermillion. Blue, yellow and green gingham form the curtains and cuchions, with a valance of gray wood elephants on a blue sateen ground. The furniture is kept close to the walls to leave plenty of play space

# THE PLAYROOM of the GOLDEN AGE

Something Really New and Different in Nurseries Has Been Especially Designed for House & Garden

### By KATHERINE S. DODGE

I F we had a chance to be born again, we'd form a soviet and start a revolution against the sort of playroom and nursery we used to have. The nursery was dead white and the playroom had tan walls with glum looking Noah's Ark animals doing a one-step around the walls—and all that sort of thing. We'd forbid mothers and fathers painting nurseries white. Somehow they don't seem to under-stand that white hurts a baby's eyes. In fact, if we had a say in that new nursery and playroom, we'd go in for a new order of things. None of these prophylactic toys or antiseptic furniture that old maid reformers try to foist on children nowadays because "it is good for them," Never! We'd want something different, something with style and character and interest, a playroom that would look like the rooms shown on this page.

The Japanese room at the top of the page, for example. What an enchanting place it is! And so far removed from the usual banal nursery design. Start with the walls and see

yourself how interesting it is in all its details. Set off by a base of silver, either paint or paper, which is used 2' up at the base of the

wall, there are gaily attired Japanese children at play, painted on Japanese paper in tempora coated with a transparent varnish.

The low, 6' square couch, which may be made a brilliant vermillion, is modeled after a Chinese couch with a footstool shelf.

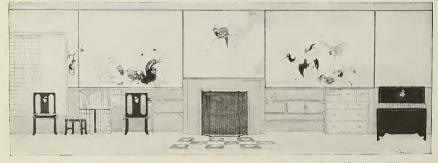
Gingham in tones of blue, yellow and green is used at the windows and for window seat covering, while a solemn row of gray elephants applied with wool on a blue sateen ground forms the valance.

This is not only an interesting and amusing suggestion, but it is a highly practical one, as the room has been planned with a view to leaving as much space in the center as possible, building in a chest of drawers, for example, and setting all the big pieces of furniture against the walls so that there is plenty of room to play. Furniture such as this might be excuted by a good cabinet-maker.

Another room suitable for "The Golden Age", in which even the grown-ups would forget their stuffiness, has built-in waxed natural wood shelves, desk and chest of drawers with toned gold walls. The simple wooden movable furniture—bed, chairs, stools, etc.—is lacquered in sepia tones, with the cushions and covers in Japanese cotton prints of tans and browns and gray.

All the brilliancy of color, of which there is a great deal, has been concentrated on the walls, where one's favorite birds find a pleasant meeting ground. With due regard to beauty and proportion, they have been painted on wall screens of Japanese paper in the same fashion as described before.

One can imagine carrying out this idea very charmingly, despite the lack of an artist on the premises, by the use of carefully selected wall paper panels, or, better still, the cotton prints made in a series of bird scenes which come from Paris. These are purchasable, as are the Japanese cotton prints and the furniture.



Some of the furniture of this room—shelves, desk and chest of drawers—is built-in; the other pieces are lacquered in sepia tones with covers and custions in Japanese cotton prints of tans, browns, and gray. The walls are golden, and there meet one's special fet birds.

If these pands cannot be painted, bird scenes can be cut out from wall paper or chints and lacquered on

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## The STONE FIREPLACE

How to Build and Make It Smokeless

THE life of the camp in the woods or the summer cottage naturally centers around the fireplace. It is the great source of hospitality at night-time and in inclement weather. In fact, one can scarcely imagine a camp or cottage without a big, generous hearth on which the lows crackle while the storm beats without.

There is something distinctive about this sort of freplace—it is rough and hand-hewn, with none of the delicacies of the finer types one meets with in town houses. Field stones piled one on another up to the ridge pole, jagged rocks heaped like a cairn, with a slab for man-tel—such crudities only give it charm and make it harmonize with the rough and ready surroundings of Nature.

#### How to Build It

No special rules can be laid down for the building of these stone fireplaces, because one can lay the stone any way he chooses so long as the chimney construction is right. And in the building of chimneys to make them smokeless, the rules are very simple and few.

Every fireplace has the following parts—the fire chamber, where the logs burn, the throat, the damper, the smoke shelf and the smoke chamber. Each of these plays a part in the perfect functioning of the chimney. In the construction of a chimney there are two essentials to remember—the flue area should be one-tenth the area of the opening into the one-tenth the area of the opening into the placed so that it can take up the inequalities of the up and down draughts and keep the smoke going steadily up the chimney.

The chimney is built in the following fashon: First there are the hearth and opening and fire chamber. At the top, the fire chamber is built forward to form the throat or opening into the smoke chamber. The throat is 3" or 4" deep and is closed at the bottom by an adjustable damper. The narrowness of the throat makes the smoke and gases rush unward into

the smoke chamber above.

When the fire is lighted the warm air rises to the front of this flue and into the smoke chamber, driving the cold air down the back. Something must stop this cold air circulation from getting down into the fire chamber. Hence there is placed at the bottom of the smoke chamber, close by the upper edge of the throat, a little partition or smoke shelf that swirls the cold air around until it is carried into the path of the rapidly ascending warm column and on up the chimney.

#### Fire Chambers and Hearths

The depth of the fire chamber should be onehalf the width. The sides and back should slope so that the heat is thrown out into the room. To secure the proper slope for the sides, make the width of the back two-thirds of the front, letting the sides first run straight back for the width of a brick. Allow the back to rise perpendicularly for about a foot before it begins to slope forward toward the throat.

The kind of hearth is decided by taste. It may be brick, stone or cement. The only precaution to follow—and this applies to the entire fireplace and chimney—is not to have any timbers in close proximity lest they catch fire.



The field stone fireplace with a broad hearth is best for summer camps and cottages



A camp fireplace should extend into the living room and be its dominating feature of hospitality





## The POSSIBILITIES of a SMALL ROSE GARDEN

BEATRIX BUDELL



If you plan a rose garden, let it be for roses alone. The bushes will not combine well with other plants, either physically or esthetically

ThE best results in gardening, as in everying else, come from individuality backed by knowledge, but to most of us individuality plus knowledge suggests expense—it means calling in the specialist. Perhaps that is one reason why good rose gardens are so scarce in our smaller suburban towns. Even those of us who have spent years in gardening sometimes lack initiative. We should like to call in the landscape gardener and have a real rose garden, but instead we do as our neighbor does and make flower beds and borders. That is cheaper.

The delightful old New England gardens of our grandmothers' day had every requisite that a rose garden, or any other garden, should have. Simplicity was their keynote. Their makers took as precedent the thing they knew, the English adaptation of the Italian gardens of the Renaissance, in vogue in England at the time of the Puritan exodus. The design was often the same; paths radiating from a central bed and all encompassed by the higher varieties of flowers, wall or hedge which gave it great seclusion. A garden as well as a room should be lived in to give it charm, and one of the greatest of all charms is that intimacy which comes from perfect privacy.

#### Unity Essential

Unity is the natural result of seclusion. A garden restricted to a distinct area has to be treated more or less formally, and for a



Simplicity must be the keynote of the small garden. Whatever ornaments are used should be dignified and mostentiations, like this similal reasons of the small reasons of the sma

rose garden, formal or semi-formal treatment is usually the best. A rose garden can be as small or as large as the available space and the purse of the owner can make it; but beds scattered over the lawns are not rose gardens. The rose garden, though so small that it can be included in a city backyard, must be as complete as are sunken or Italian gardens.

#### A Perfected Plan

Small gardens have a charm of their own. I know one that tops the rise of a broad lawn and forms one of a group of transitions from the house and its enfolding green to the practical vegetable and fruit gardens. The arches and sundial are simple in design, as they should be for such a small garden, and their slight ornamentation adds just enough to attract that second glance of interest which means so much.

From this little garden of eighty-five busbes roses were obtained from the first week in June until late in November, and that in spite of the unfavorable conditions resulting from the shade of adjacent trees. The hybrid perpetuals and one hybrid tea—Gruss an Teplitz—are planted on the outer edges, making a sort of hedge, while the inner borders and the two oblong beds within the garden contain hybrid teas. The choicer varieties are placed by themselves in the parallel beds and also in front of the broader bed that forms the background for the sundial. At least two plants

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An arch covered with pink or white Dorothy Perkins forms a thoroughly suitable entrance to the small rose garden

### A YEAR-OLD GARDEN in the TWO-YEAR CLASS

An Object Lesson for Those Who Claim That Quick Results and Permanency Never Go Together

OFTEN the thought comes, as we look for the first time upon some particularly pleasant flower garden, "I wonder how long it has taken to attain this effect?"

Obviously the answer must vary, although in the majority of cases it will range between two and six or more years. Anything less than that is—well, unusual. Hence the photographs

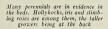
shown on this page.

In June, 1917, the first seed was sown and the first plant set in this little garden on the North Shore of Long Island. One year later (July, 1918, to be exact) the photographs were taken. In the results they illustrate lies an object lesson for those who assert that only after considerable time can a planting become perfect.

#### The Plants and Plan

Within the dwarf box edgings which outline the beds of this 75' x 100' garden are plantings which are by no means temporary, despite the

quick results they have given. There are many perennials—hollyhocks, wild asters, iris, Sweet William, foxgloves, lupines, peonies, phlox, pyrethrum and others—which are already well established. From early spring to late autumn something is always in bloom, a constantly changing succession of forms and colors. Here and there, too, are small junipers and arborvites which serve the double purpose of accent points and backgrounds during the flower season, and touches of living green which keep the garden always present through the doormach the dormach th







One year before the picture was taken this garden on the grounds of M. Allen Warren, Esq., at Huntington, Long Island, was no garden at all

winter months when all else is dull. As to the ground plan, its outstanding characteristics are simplicity and directness—straight paths at right angles to each other, brick bordered and scrupulously well kept. The rose arch, gate, bench and bird bath are in keeping with the sane informality evidenced throughout the planting. Two cardinal principles have been followed in the arrangement of the plants themselves: the tall growers must be placed at the back of the beds, and no clashing of colors shall be permitted. The

grade of the flower banks rises naturally from the edges of the walks.

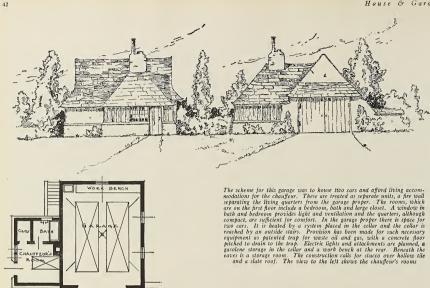
#### Suggestions for Others

The creation of a one-year garden such as this hinges upon wise selection and doing the right thing at the right time. The box bushes and evergreens will, of course, give the desired results as soon as they are planted, for they can be bought already well developed from the nurserymen who specialize in such stock. If shrubbery is needed for the boundaries it can come from the same source.

Whatever annual flowers are used are grown from seed planted in the spring of the year in which they bloom, and rose bushes set out in early April will yield some blossoms the first summer. Certain perennials, such as dahlias and iris, will also bloom the same season their roots are planted, but most of the year-after-year flowers must be grown from seed planted in seed-beds during June or July and transplanted later to their permanent places in the garden where they will blossom the following season.

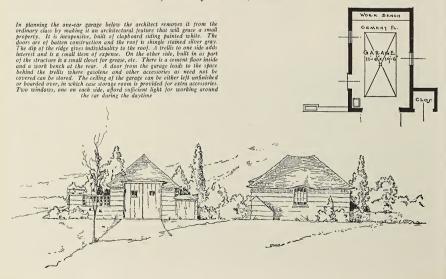


Simplicity and directness characterize the garden throughout, in the neat, brick-bordered paths, the planting scheme, the bird fountain and white bench

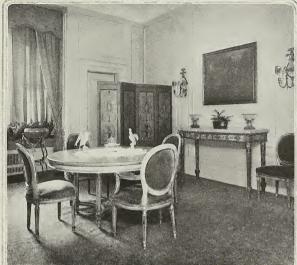


### TWO SMALL GARAGES DESIGNED for HOUSE & GARDEN

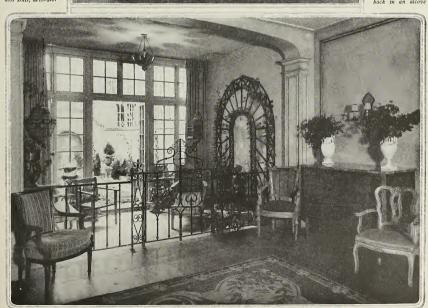
By FRANK J. FORSTER, Architect



# A LITTLE PORTFOLIO OF GOOD INTERIORS



The possibilities of the city roof garden are shown in this view of the apartment of the control of the control



A color scheme full of warmth and interest has been used in the dining room of the New York home of Mrs. A. Edward Elis. The furniture is painted mate color and upnate color and a warm maire tone is used for the silk gause under-curtains and blue d a m as k for over-curtains. A painted screen in varying tones on a warm upnate of the upnate of the work of the work of the work of the upnate of the



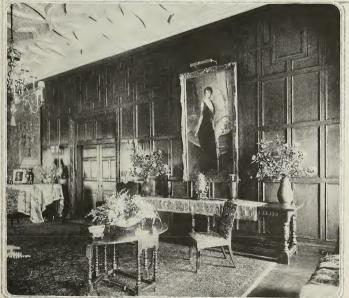
The living room is approached through a cide hallway hung with a nide hallway hung with a huge tapestry and an interesting collection of paintings. A tall Chinese screen shuts off a service door and add a brilliant note. These four views are from the apartment of Mrs. D. Jackling, S an Francisco



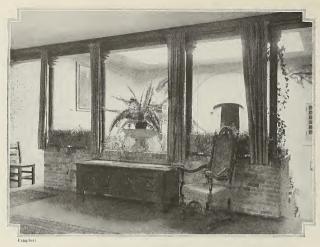
An atmosphere of ease and comfort in the paneled oak living room has been attained, despite its great size, by the clever arrangement of the interesting collection of old English furniture among which are so me particularly lovely needlework chairs



The book cases have been built in the been built in the library so as to form panels of brilliant color making the many toned bindings into an integral part of the decorative scheme of the room. Through the well proportioned door-way there is shown a glimpte of the duing room



At one side of the huge I v v in g room directly a bo v e a long refectory table hangs a full length portrait of Mrs. Jackling. The restraint and simplicity of the paneling are in keeping with the dispinied treatment of the entire room. Mrs. Edgar de Wolfe, decorator



If space permits and the background is in harmony, one may us an old chest with a formal chair beside it. The group is natural and the chair restful. H. B. Russell, architect

# WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH THE LANDING?

How to Furnish That Half-way Spot One Finds in Almost Every House Making It an Intimate Corner of Distinction

THE stairs landing is the half-way place on the journey to the floor above. In most instances it is architecturally necessary, for the stairs must turn and the line of ascent be broken if the flight is long. This creates a little spot that can be made very pleasant by the proper disposition of furniture.

Some landings open on a row of windows set in a bay, and there the natural inclination is to build in a window seat. Well cushioned and pillowed, it forms a pleasant nook where the young people can read on wet days, or you

can take your sewing, or dancers use for tête-átêtes. This, perhaps, is the most common treatment.

When the landing is secluded and offers privacy, it may be furnished as a writing corner, with desk and chair. The telephone can be there, midway between the two floors.

If one is so fortunate as to have a landing that sweeps out into a balcony overlooking the stairs or the lower hall, the space can be furnished with couch, table and chairs. With these it becomes a little upstairs reception

room, a corner for tea, a place of informal entertainment.

In most instances, however, one has merely a landing, a halt in the stairs. Ordinarily it should be left unfurnished, for nothing should be placed on the stairs that would impede passage or cause accidents. Where the landing is large it may have an informal group composed of a little table and a chair, or a more formal composition of a chest and a high-back chair. In the former case, this table—say, a gate-leg—can hold the family mail box or, if it is en route to the bed-rooms, the night candles can be placed on it, ready for guests to take their lights as they pass.

A little group of this sort can be made colorful with flowers, in fact, one can often turn the landing into a little solarium where the windows give sunlight enough for the plants through the winter.

Only one warning, however. Do not crowd this spot; keep the passage free. While it is a small item in the furnishing of the house, it is one that deserves to be handled with restraint and a view to comfort.

The success of any house is the sum of just such small corners. Furnish them with care and the house as a whole will take care of itself. The care required depends upon the individual problem, the furnishing on your tastes and purse capacity. A stairs landing suitably handled, with a view to the passage required, can be made one of the most intimate and interesting corners of the house and will successfully add to its distinctive atmosphere.



On a narrow landing a small table and two chairs suffice, as in the residence of J. R. Shefheld, Esq., New York City. W. B. Chambers, architect



Where there is a balcony, as in the New York home of R. H. Gallatin, a table, chair and couch can be used. Ingalls & Hoffman, architects



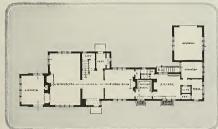
The house is modern English a dapted to American requirements. Built to frough red brick laid in English bond; roof variegated rough slate. This view shows driveway entrance

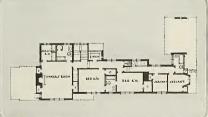
A livable plan has been developed, opening from the hall on one side to the dining room and service quarters beyond, and on the other to the living room and loggia with its gable roof



The street side shows the picturesque skyline, the broad wall surfaces and the interesting touch of half timber in the sin roon gable. The chimneys are an important feature in the effect

Upstairs a master's suite is house-depth and other bedrooms range down the hall, with servants' rooms a bove the kitchen. Economy of hall space gives good room area here





THE RESIDENCE OF FRANK D. POTTER, Esq. Rye, N. Y.

Lewis Colt Albro, Architect



The combination of gas with one of these smart French ranges makes an excellent equipment for an all-year kitchen

# THE VARIETY OF RANGES

Coal, Gas, Coal-and-Gas, Oil, Electricity and Alcohol Present a Wide Choice for Every Possible Kitchen

EVA NAGEL WOLF



If civilized man cannot do without cooks, just so dependent are good-natured cooks upon perfect working ranges. So, if the housewife be cook, or if she has a good-natured cook she is desirous of retaining, she will see to it that the range is good and in perfect working order.

There are several important points to be settled before purchasing a range and the bride who has this problem before her would do well to consider first and purchase afterwards.

There is the question of fuel, for we have ranges that burn coal, wood, gas, oil, electricity and alcohol, the latter, small ones, practical for yachts.

Next, the relative cost of the various fuels, and that which is most practical for the individual requirement should be determined, not forgetting the manner in which one is living. For instance, the home may be in the country where gas has not yet been piped, or in the suburbs where there is no electricity. Again, one may live in an apartment where there is electricity, but no gas, and vice versa. At any rate, there are conditions to be considered apart from economy.

But there is one point for both to remember, namely—a range of the best quality is the only kind to buy. With good treatment it will last a lifetime. It should be free of all unnecessary ornamentation and as easily kept clean as any

Another combination, suitable for the housewife who does her own work, is a gas range with a fireless cooker attachment. It is both economical and labor-saving



utensil in the kitchen. The various parts should be easily and quickly disconnected for the simple soap-and-water bath, and in the case of iron, oiled and put together again. No longer is blackening considered desirable any more than the gummed-up ornamented iron surface of the old-fashionde coal stove.

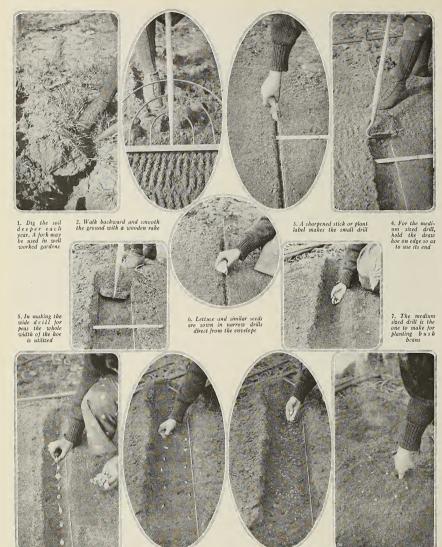
## Wood and Coal Ranges

Great changes have taken place since 1760, when the first wood stove was formed of five ornamented iron plates held together with long bolts. The front was left open, but evidently the fire was controlled by an extra piece of iron and the smoke carried off by a flue placed at the side. It was not until 1802 that anthracite coal was burned in a grate, and much later before it was burned in a stove.

It was was and still is a feat for the inexperienced woman to keep a fire in the range unless of perfect construction, and still a thankless task that of handling coal and the conse-(Continued on page 72)

Mo San Ree, the slant-eyed chef, is cooking at a gas-and-coal range, the gas attachment being set on the side, with the gas broiler and oven above





8. Onion sets, too, can be planted in the drill of medium size. This entails considerably less labor than making individual holes for them, and the results are good

9. Bush limas should go in double rows in the wide drill. Planted thus, they will make a well filled line. Artificial supports are unnecessary for bush varieties

## HOW TO PLANT

Photographs by W. C. McCollom

10. In the wide drill peas are sown broadcast to assure a good row. After the plants are well above ground they may be thinned out if the row is crowded 11. Corn, pumpkins, cucumbers, melons, etc., are sown in hills." The soil in the hills should be thoroughly cultivated several inches deep and well enriched

#### PLANTINGS in the VEGETABLE GARDEN APRIL

Preparing the Ground, Making Drills for the Seed, Sowing and Other Details -A List of Vegetables on Which to Base Your Selection

#### WILLIAM C. McCOLLOM



Swiss chard is excellent for canning. It is one of the vegetables which should be sown in drills during April

W HY do we dig the soil? Without ques-tion it is one of the finest forms of exercise we have, but this is not the reason—witness the fact that those who need it the most get the least of it!

No, we dig for the same reason that the farmer plows: to bring to the surface the lower soils with their abundant chemicals which are quickly converted into plant food by the sun and air. Furthermore, the constant working breaks the soil lumps and in this way releases the natural plant food that they contain. Soils that are well pulverized are loose and porous, admitting air and retaining moisture. Poorly ventilated soils which are quickly stripped of their vegetation by summer droughts can be attributed to improper working. The subsoil strata are imper-vious to roots and moisture unless they are broken, and when this discolored loam is brought to the surface it is quickly changed into a dark, productive soil. In England, where the same soil has been tilled for centuries and has produced abundantly, the gardens are dug several feet deep, with the result that they are a mass of loose, friable earth that is retentive of moisture and encourages deep rooting.

#### Dig Deeper Each Year

When digging the ground it is advisable to make a practice of working down a little deeper each year until you have reached a depth where results are not guessed at but can be quite ac-



It is less labor, and just as productive of good results, to plant the onion sets in drills instead of individual holes



Radishes sown between the rows of peas will mature before the latter grow large enough to harm them

curately estimated. Plants that have a good deep bed of loose, fertile earth are vigorous and seldom troubled with insects or disease; ordinary dry spells do not cause the plants to suffer, as the lower soil contains abundant moisture which reaches them by capillary attraction.

Soils that have been worked for several seasons and which are well pulverized can be worked with a digging fork in preference to a spade. The fork penetrates more easily than a spade and there is less tendency for the soil to pack. In stiff, clayey soils where a spade must be used it is advisable to take a fork afterward to break all the surface lumps, because when



Parsnips occupy the ground through the entire season, so you cannot plan to use their space for anything else

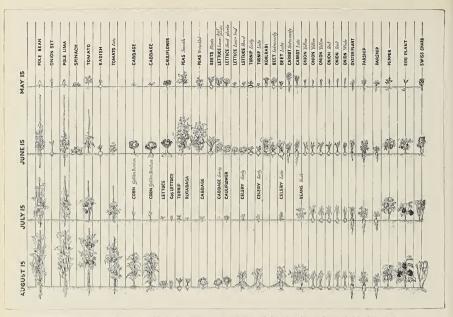
these lumps are allowed to bake the live organisms in them are destroyed and the soil is rendered useless for vegetation,

#### Laying Out the Garden

After digging the ground should be raked level. Where possible to use it a wooden rake is preferred for this purpose, as it pulverizes more thoroughly than a steel rake. Then get out that garden plan suggested in the January issue, the seeds, garden line, measuring stick, hoe, etc., and start at the end of the garden opposite where you want the tall plants, since most of the early vegetables are dwarf or of quick maturity. The side nearest the street you should reserve for tall plantings later, so that you can work in the garden undisturbed.

Mark labels plainly with the names, varieties and other information about the seeds you intend to sow now, and arrange them with some consideration of their maturity time and habits. Types that stay all season should be kept to one side, as parsnip, parsley, oyster-plant, herbs, etc. Those that require wide spacing because of their height can have a row of some quick maturing crop sown between them.

Place the marked labels where the rows are to be located, setting them all before any attempt is made to sow the seed. Lay the packages of seed alongside the marked labels, and you will then be ready for the drills. Start these right, putting the marking line in place (Continued on page 66)



The first 50' of the planted area, in which the short season crops are so arranged that when they are harvested their places will be taken by plantings of others. The grouping of the pole beans, corn and tomatoes at one end eliminates the kindrance which their shade would be were it to fall on the smaller growing vegetables

## THE FOUR STAGES of the GARDEN

A Graphic Portrayal of What Cross Sections of the Vegetable Area Should Be at Monthly Intervals During the Active Growing Season

#### G. T. HUNTINGTON

Chart data prepared by F. F. Rockwell

VISUALIZING a whole vegetable garden is no easy task—real visualizing, that is, in which a worm's-eye as well as a bird's-eye view of each and all the rows is presented. Difficult as is the undertaking, however, it must be attempted if you would have a garden of one hundred per cent productiveness, for the simple reason that all of the ground must be kept working all of the time. There must be no waste of either time or space. To accomplish this a knowledge of each row's condition throughout the season is essential; hence the necessity for visualizing.

In depicting garden layouts the usual method is to show a ground plan of the arrangement as it appears from above. However detailed and explanatory such plans may be they are not really graphic—they lack the worm's–eye perspective. In an attempt to overcome their deficiencies the chart shown here was developed.

#### The First Stage

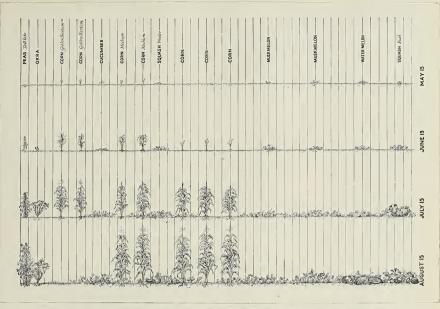
Imagine, for the moment, that it is May 15th and that you are looking simultaneously at the topmost horizontal line of the chart on this page and down the rows of your vegetable garden-as-it-should-be. You are facing the south, with the east at your left and at your right the west, because the planted rows run north and south for the sake of an even distribution of sunlight through the day. Thus placed you can see only the first plant in each row, but others are beyond, extending in orderly lines for 50' or more like soldiers standing at attention in "company front."

Beginning at the left or east end of the garden, then, you notice that the first 18" of space (each of the vertical divisions of the chart represents 1') are unoccupied. Then comes the first row—pole bean seedlings under portable glass forcers, for the season is early yet and bean seed heat. Another 18" to the west is a row of onion sets, and next to it, at the same distance, the pole limas, also under glass. Spinach, young tomato plants and the rest follow in their order and at proper intervals as you follow the line to the west end of the garden, 100" away at the right side of

page 53. The late peas and much of the main corn crop do not show above ground as yet, for they have just been planted. Throughout the whole 100' you will notice that the spacing of the rows depends upon such points as cultivation requirements, the size and habit of the mature plants, and the period through which they occupy the ground.

#### The Second Stage

One month later, on the line below, growth cardiness, calbiage, cauliflower, peas, beets, lettuce, turnip, kohlrabi and carrots are ready for use, and within the next month their places will usually be taken either by succession plantings or sowings of late season crops. In the cases of the onion row between the pole beans and the limas, the spinach between the limas and the tomatoes, and the radishes between the two rows of tomatoes, the growth of the flanking vegetables is such that by July 15th it heavily shades the intervening spaces. For this reason intercrops are chosen which will



Above is the other half of the garden, adjoining that on the opposite page. Two and a half feet is the space represented between the Swiss chard row on that page and the line of tall late peas. The scale of feet is the same throughout both halves of the chart—t to each of the vertical divisions

be out of the way before this shade becomes too dense.

Certain of the plants shown are, of course, started in "flats" or seed boxes, and transplanted later to the places they occupy on the plan. Among these are the tomatoes, radishes, cabbage, cauliflower and lettuce. The melons and squash particularly should have well enriched soil. A good method of handling them is to plant the seeds late in April where they are to grow, and cover them with portable glass topped frames which will give them a higher temperature and can be removed as the weather grows warmer.

## The Last Two Stages

The July 15th stage finds the garden yielding crops while at the same time twenty-odd feet are devoted to newly planted vegetables. These latter occupy the space which has been vacated by the cabbage, cauliflower, peas, early beets and carrots, lettuce and kohlrabi. Here is an example of succession planting, a principle whose intelligent application is essential to the garden of 100 per cent productiveness. "Keeping the ground at work" connotes the maximum yield of vetgetables.

By the middle of August the whole garden is carrying its full load, for the melons and other vine crops have so nearly attained their growth that they have spread over all the surface allotted to them. The development of the other rows is so clearly shown on the chart that it requires no further explanation here.

A careful study of the allotment of space to

the various vegetables will repay, because the distances between rows are the minimum which can exist in the successful garden. Where the available space is less limited, somewhat larger spaces may be permitted, though they will avail little except in making for greater ease in cultivation. In this connection it is well to remember that too wide spaces between the rows give an opportunity for weeds to develop which only extra cultivation of the ground can hold in check.

Another point to note is the grouping of most of the taller and more spreading crops at the ends of the garden, thus leaving the central portion for a concentration of smaller things. The chief reason for this is that the tall growers are mainly long-season crops which cast considerable shade in which lesser vegetables could not thrive. The grouping of the corn and melons results from the fact that these vegetables succeed well in close proximity to each other—in fact, the melons, cucumbers and squashes can overrun the corn rows without detriment to anything concerned.

No provision has been made for the small rruits, herbs or such things as asparagus, which require specially prepared soil in an area all to themselves. For reasons which need not be gone into here it is inadvisable to combine plantings of vegetables and cane fruits. The latter should constitute another garden, or else be used merely around the borders of the vegetable area where their roots will not interfere with the cultivation of the soil in which the annual plants are growing. The same rule

applies to fruit trees; and as for strawberries, they need a section quite their own. The space needed for the herbs, of course, is so limited that they may be planted almost anywhere around the edges where there is an unoccupied bit of ground.

#### Regarding Potatoes

Potatoes, it will be noted, have not been included in this hypothetical garden. While these vegetables are usually the first thing that the beginning gardener thinks of growing, they should by no means be his first actual choice in the majority of cases. Great as has been the popularity of potatoes, the fact remains that growing them has decided drawbacks. Failure to appreciate these has brought about innumerable disappointments, to say nothing of the waste of time, space and seed.

Potatoes cannot be simply planted in any old piece of ground and expected to grow properly. For one thing they need considerable room, as well as prompt and thorough cultivation at the right times. They are subject, also, to attacks by insects which will quite destroy the plants if spraying is postponed or done in a half-hearted sort of way. In certain seasons-sometimes apparently because of the weather, and at other times for no evident reason at all-the plants will be struck by blight which may seriously injure the crop if it does not actually destroy it. For the returns to be commensurate with the labor involved, soil and weather conditions must be right, and you must understand and be able to give the attention demanded.



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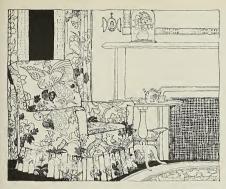
The front door is constructed of teak wood, hand carved and finished with bronze grilles

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A Letter to the Architect Somewhere in France

#### FREDERICK N EVANS

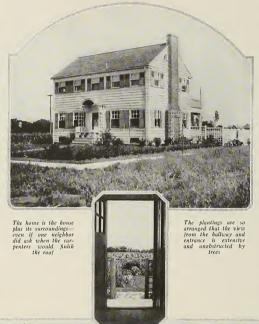
"YOU want letters. How would it be if I were to tell you about how things have gone with 'your' house since you saw it in the shavings and clod stage?

"Gross flattery that it is, I must say that we have desired no changes since we moved in, which speaks fairly well for your ability to diagnose our needs. One is aware of a slightly guilty feeling in saying that he is very comfortable these days, but we have been that.

"Our eaveless house and latticed garden some have thought queer. One woman asked earnestly when the carpenters would finish the roof, and two respectable citizens have asked me what breed of hens I was going to keep behind the fence choice sarcasm, had the questions been put in any different way than they were. Honest remarks from neighbors have been responded to without smiles (visible ones). Some of us have a creed that a bit of architecture may be looked upon as symbolic, like sculpture. To us your house recalls certain pleasant past years spent in New England.

"They say that the cobbler's children usually go without shoes. But I could not bring myself to be so

neglectful, of should I say, so conventional. Nothing is said about the cobbler's own feet, and didn't I, too, inhabit these grounds? Therefore, I took the paper and pencil, and worked out a plan, not in order to do a professional 'stunt,' but to make sure that we were not to lose one square inch of property for





Even delivery boys will use the stepping stones 30" apart

The garden in the clod stage was scarcely pre-

possessing

A sense of full luxuriance is manifest in the



"To hedge or not to hedge was not long a question. The primness of the exterior said 'Hedge!' There being a plant for every purpose, the Japanese barberry could not be kept out of the front-line trench. I allowed three full feet between the hedge row and the sidewalk. Had we had just a little more of the earth's crust at our disposal I should have made it four feet. For even a small place that gives a very distinctive effect.

"No garage? Well, no machine! And yet the thought of this ultimate need in a future cycle is not left out. The structure would be placed in what is the play area, and the drive put in by moving the rear of the garden forward, or it could be brought in on the side where the stepping

stones lie.

"The garden is a great joy. Inside the shelter now covered with vines we often have luncheon out of doors. In the flower border there has been bloom from the first early squills, through the season of bleedingheart and irises to the present second fullness of the wonderful gar-





den phlox. Many other lowers there are which I shall leave to your guess from the pictures I send. For large gardens, you will agree, the annuals are best by themselves, but for this kind of an intimate 'patch' I say bring them in. One wants the feeling of full luxuriance in every cranny, and the friends of a single season give this. Then, too, they pay abundant rent by giving plenty of cut flowers and keeping out the weeds. And so, against the clumps of coreopsis and peonies and anchusa I have plants and palants of nasturtiums, pansies and mignonette, and further back in the bed African marigolds, asters and petunias.

"The little folks' play is not confined to the labeled play area any more than all living is carried on in your living room. The sense of possession of a domain makes the little people happy. In the play area are a bird house and a pool made by sinking half a cask in the ground. Gold-fish were to flop gracefully about in it, but alas, they were not purchased before they were found to be no longer in the market here. To put a stop to neighbor boys' paddling in and about the edges and making a mud puddle, several crawfish were captured and interned therein. The offenders cannot be bribed to put boy-ish toes into the water now.

"The border of the play area is a museum of roses, cucumbers, cabbages and cannas; this in response to childish demands. It is barbaric but stimulating, delighting the little proprietors' eyes, and even instructing the elders in the possibilities of combinations of foliage.

the possibilities of combinations of foliage.

"We are by no means minus our war garden, but that is on the vacant lot close by.



"It did not take long, by locking the gate now and then, to persuade the tradesmen not to enter through the garden. The stepping stones, let it be explained, are set 30 inches apart. Delivery boys in a hurry will step on them thus, and at the regular garden spacing of 2 feet they will not, only finding them confusing hazards.

"I know that you will not wish any more

lengthy account. The details from which shelter, gates and lattice were made give you a more eloquent narrative of the proportion of things. The shelter I put up myself, after having the wood cut at the mill. The brick and the broken stone walks, too, I laid, for exercise—and to save money for W. S. S. It was pleasant labor.

"Indeed, I wonder sometimes whether the 'land proprietor' is any happier among his professionally landscaped acres than I am when pottering about these grounds which I have planned and worked on myself. Were I in his place I should doubtless follow his example, but there would not be the same sense of personal achievement. They are so intimately a part of us, these shrubs and walks and flowers, for in a sense we have created them.

"And now the price paid for a pleasant glimpse out of doors is a weekly pushing of the mower, an occasional weeding, and, through the drought of July, a sprinkling of evenings. How a summer watering helps autumn flowering no one will know until he has practiced it. It really is hardly a 'price', for there are far more boresome tasks than playing a hose over the flower borders when the sun has gone and the intangible dampness which comes with night creens into the air.

"When you return, come and visit us. You will not have to sleep on the floor bed in a room without sash, as you did erstwhle. I suppose before we see you, you will have formed some lasting impressions of German architecture. But do not let that crowd out ideals of our own American Colonial style, which we fover here's on much admire!

## START YOUR BUILDING NOW

House & Garden's Survey of the Building Situation Shows the Present a Propitious Time for Going Ahead

DURING the last three months House & Garden has been making a country-wide survey of building conditions, costs of materials, labor, etc., in order that it might place before its readers such facts as would guide them in prospective building operations. The collated opinions of architects, builders, and manufacturers show a condition that is very propitious for building. Architects attest that the work is already beginning to creep from their drafting boards. The Information Service of House & Garden is receiving more building inquiries on building than ever before in its history. Manufacturers report that, despite labor uncertainty and the confusion that needs must follow the reintroduction of 2,000,-000 men back into the business and manufacturing world, prices will soon begin to show a more reasonable proportion.

The war put a necessary inhibition on building and the transportation of building materials. Six months have passed now since the armistice was signed. Government contracts are no longer eating up the output of our factories, and the railroads are open for the handling of building necessities. For four years men and women who planned to build homes were hesitant about the prospects, and during the past two years private building almost came to a standstill

This situation now changed, it is both the opportunity and the duty of those who plan to build to go ahead with the work. While prices are still high, the only way they can be lowered is by increasing the demand for the goods. Increased demand brings quantity production brings lower rates. Moreover, labor, seeing that there is work to be done, will soon enough settle down and do it. No situation is more conducive to high prices than stagnation in the laboring and manufacturing world. Without demand such stagnation is inevitable.

It is the high prices of building material that make so many prospective home builders wait for the Utopia when prices will drop to a pre-war level. As one architect explained it, "a good many people have forgotten the fact that in normal times building increased about five per cent. a year, so that if there had been no war, building in 1919 would have been about twenty-five per cent. more than in 1914. Therefore, the excess price for abnormal times must be calculated above the twenty-five per cent. On this basis the excess for normal times is not as great as some people think."

Another archifect advises that readers will not gain much by long postponement of their building operations. They may get a slight deduction in cost, but they would lose the advantage and pleasure of their new building in the interval. This same architect reports that during the week previous he started excavations for one \$50,000 house in Cleveland, and

was going ahead with plans for twenty more in the same city.

In the beginning of any great resumption of business, such as building, the work must necessarily creep at first. Yet there is every indication that the desire of prospective builders at the present is being witheld by fear of prices. The first question, then, that a man must ask himself is: "How much do I want this home?" For four years he has been hesitating on patriotic grounds. On the same patriotic grounds he should now go ahead. Only by the energies of the individual home builder, the willingness and intent to see his dream of a home consummated in brick and stone and stucco, can the present creeping stage of the building situation be stimulated into healthy action.

HOUSE & GARDEN feels justified in advising its readers to go ahead with their building. If the work is on the architect's drafting boards, dare the future and make it move from those boards—tell the architect to go ahead. If you have not yet consulted an architect, go to him now. Lay your plans now. Study up on the purposes and capacities of the various building materials which go into the makeup of a house. Plan to use the best materials your money can buy. Get together with the architect. See that house begin to shape itself on paper—and then transform it from paper into the real thing.

### THE GARDENER'S CALENDAR WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

3. Weather conditions wary, but usu-ally it is safe to start sowing seeds of the more hardy types of vege-tables now. Peas, spinach, radishes, onions, pars-inp, beets, carrots, Swiss chard, etc. are all seasonable.

FRIDAY

## Fourth Month

Maples are pruned just as the foliage

expands. Paint the



The ground between rows should be kept well stirred with a



The dead leaves may be swept from the ivy with a long handled broom



The garden rows should be laid out before sowing is ac-



SUNDAY

6. If the asparagus bed was mutched last fail it can be turned the solution of the solution of

13. Seeds of te more hardy owers such as a apdragon, sters, alys-im, calendula, e n t a u r e a, ansies, violas,

20. Keep the soli constantly stirred between the g arden rows. Seeds that are slow in germinating can be projected by placing can be projected by placing the solicular project we en the labels. Soli cultivation s more necessary with young plants than old.

7. That un-productive or-chard can be made to yield abundantly if you resort to the proper use of cover crops. of cover crops.
To prove this, sow now a mixture of Canada field peas and oats, and plow them under when they are about 2' high.

MONDAY

TUESDAY

I. Straw-berries should now be uncovered for the season. The winter much of manure can be forked under. If no mulch was applied, however, give the bed a good top dressing with bone me all before digging.

8. If you have not to prune dead to he hands be attended to at once, because roses start into active growth very early. Frume the hybrid types to three eyes, but leave about 4" of new wood on the teas. 15. All borders or open spaces around plants should be kept loosen dup with a draw of the messary air to the soil and also prevents the rapid evaporation of the moisture if the weather is dry and sunny. 14. Plants in tubs intended as specimens for the grounds should be watered freely with it quid where it should be considered in the construction of the construction o

21. Stait hardening off the bedding plants in the greenhouse of frame how I his certain down to coleus, geraniums, etc., unless they have been properly harde ne d, which ordinarily takes about two weeks. 22. Do not neglect the sweet peas when they are small—see that they are properly high. Superthes about 7 high. Superthes about 7 high. Superthes whould not be postponed until they have been flattened by wind or rain and damaged.

28. This is the proper time to have the greenhouses overhauled. Broken glass should be reset, and the wood work should be protected by at least one coat of good exterior paint.

2. Rasp-berries, black-rerries, cur-rans berries in a sterries buried last fall can now be un-carthed. An application of good manure worked into the border now will materially improve the iruit.

10. If properly hardened, plants of the plants of the first property of the plants of 16. The perennial border should be over-hauled. Any existing vides muse be filled from the perennial between t 17. Frames for the meions must be set in place now. See the meions of th

23. Any large trees that have been recenly transplanted must not be real watering is also a good practice. Make soil tests to see that the soil below the roots is sufficiently moist. 24. It is a mistake not to make what to swings are necessary to give a continuous supply of quick maturing crops such as peas, buds, carrote. The common rule is to sow when the preceding sowing a shove ground.

This calendar of the gardener's labors is aimed as a reminder for undertaking all his tasks in season. It is fitted to the latitude tasks in season, It is fitted to the latitude be available for the whole country if it be remembered that for every one hundred miles north or south there is a difference of from five to seven days later or earlier in performing garden operations. The dates given are, of course, for an average

25. Summer flowering bulbous plants as gladioi, mont-brettas, begoniss, etc., srever little efc. worthy a place in any garden. They may be planted any time now, the sladioil at bi-weekly intervals.

5. The lawn should be looked over carefully to assure a velvety green sward this summer. Sod any small bad spots, and down large spaces. An application of bone meal or wood ashes is advisable. 4. Early planting is the first essential to success. Finish all plantings of decidings of the first opportunity. Firm the plants well in the soil and don't allow them to suffer from lack of water. 11. Have you stakes on hand for dailies and other stal flowers, radin or flute coursely for the garden roses, a sundial for the flower garden. You are sure no essential has been forgotten? This is the time to check them up.

SATURDAY

12. Before the trees and shrubs leaf out it is advisable to go over them carefully. destroying a ny leaf of the storying a ny leaf of the story in the story is the best weapon to use; slight scorehing will not injure the plants.

19. Do not let your green-house be idle all summer. There are many worthy crops which can be such as potted fruits, meions, to matto es, eauliflower and chrysanthe-mums. Do not let the house be empty.

Peas should be hilled when 4" or 5" high, to protect them from breakage



Indoor started sweet peas and other hardy things may now be planted out



Cultivate the soil Melon frames should be put in place several days before the seeds are sown, so as to warm up the soil and promote quicker close up to the plants, especially when they are small germination



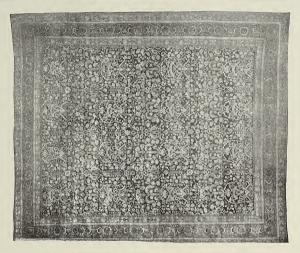
-Old Doc Lemmon,

During this month many of the flower seeds may be planted out where they are to grow. Often annuals are good to supplement per-ennial plantings



Contemplated changes in the per-ennial garden should not be forgotten

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Intarsia panel Savona. By Ansel-mo de Fornari, 1500

## The Art of the Intarsiatore

(Continued from page 27)

time,—think this over, all you who who had gathered to have a first peep would banish the classics from educa- at these specimens of the renowned tional curricult—some of those refinements such as the inhald furniture perdected to stuck the pieces together as best sixted and gained new hold on the affections of the public. Eastern crafts- King was somewhat appeased and fairly men, however, were mainly responsible

As we know, inlaying did not originate in Italy. From India, Persia and Damascus it followed the early trade routes in mediaeval times to Europe. It flourished vigorously in its re-birth in Italy and thence it passed north. As early as the 13th Century Siena had become famous as the centre of the art of

Vasari is not quite accurate in his statement that intarsia was introduced in the time of Brunelleschi and Paolo Uccelo, an art "namely, of the conjoin-ing woods, tinted in different colors, and representing with these buildings in perspective, foliage and various fantasies of different kinds." However, we do not different kinds." However, we do not know just who did introduce the art to the Florentines. Vasari seems to have thought slightingly of intrais as he says it was "practiced chiefly by those per-sons who possessed more patience than skill in design." But I suppose this was a proper attitude for him to feel called upon to take, as it was his business to lorily the painters, not the intarsiatore. glorily the painters, not the intarsiatore. However, he departs somewhat to add to the laurels of Benedetto de Maino to say that the presses which Benedetto made for the Sacristy of Santa Maria del Fiore were executed "with great magnificence and art."

#### The Desk That Melted

He tells us, too, of the writing-desk which Benedetto made for Alfonso, King of Naples, of the two coffers for Matthias Corvinus, King of Hungary, and he tells how unsuccessfully these coffers withstood the damp of the sea voyage, the inlaid pieces becoming lossened through the softening of the glue, so that the coffers presented a sorry sight when poor Benedetto opened the cases before the King and the court

detto stuck the pieces together as best he could with Hungarian glue, and the King was somewhat appeased and fairly satisfied with the result. Nevertheless Benedetto left Hungary in mortification at the incident and so deeply to heart did he take the matter that he abandoned intarsia except as an occasional excursion, and took to sculpture and wrought the marble pulpit in Santa

Croce By the early part of the 17th Century Intaria was more commonly applied to Italian furniture than to the more archi-tectural forms of the work which had, in earlier times, occupied the attention of the intarsiatore. By this time, too, ebony and other dark woods inlaid with ivory and bone, the white inlaid parts being often elaborately decorated in turn with engraved pattern in tracery, had

come to be most popular.

This use of ivory or bone, often tinted, in conjunction with dark woods is also characteristic of the work of the Spanish craftsmen of the 17th Century, and at Goa the Portuguese work of this sort was very finely wrought, though its later period, as was the case in Spanish work, greatly deteriorated in design. As late as 1831 a sum amounting to \$1,500,-000 was expended on the wood inlay decoration of four small rooms in the palace of the Escurial in Madrid,

## German Inlay

The Germans produced an enormous amount of intarsia and marquetry, but its character was marked by a Baroque its character was marked by a Baroque influence. Some of the early work is remarkably fine, as that of the Hofkirche in Innsbruck, but for the most part the later work is "ponderously delicate" or "delicately ponderous" as some one has well put it. The German cabinet makers and inlayers who swarmed in Paris from the middle of the 18th Century produced much fine work under the demands of French taste. Of the (Continued on page 62)



A writing table of late 17th Century mar-quetry of the William and Mary Period. From the Windsor Castle Collection

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## The Art of the Intarsiatore

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German work Jackson says: "The German inlays on the whole rather run to arabesques and strapwork, or naturalistic vases of flowers, with butterflies and birds: one meets occasional perspectives and even figures, but the work is generally harder and less successful than the Italian technique, with a larger and less intelligent use of scorched tints."

#### French Work

The French encouraged the art of the intarsiatore at an early period, at least as early as the 15th Century, and prac-ticed it in France as early as 1644 when Jean Mace of Blois was made "menuisier et faisseur de Cabinets et tableaux en marqueterie de bois" to Louis XIV then aged six, and the remarkable achieve-ments of later French workers in marquetry gave the furniture of France an imperishable fame,

Holland produced remarkable work-ers in wood inlay. We do, in fact, more often than not, associate with the thought of Dutch furniture that of marquetry decoration. The period from 1550 to 1650 marks the best Dutch 1550 to 1650 marks the best Dutch marquetry. The composition is some-what fulsome, it is true, but this was occasioned by the greater variety of woods which Dutch commerce brought to the hand of the Dutch worker, and tempted him very often to secrifice taste to the multitude of materials. In this to the multitude of materials. In this respect the Italians were more fortunate. The Dutch work inspired the French workers of the early period. It was in Holland that Jean Mace became versed in the art.

#### English Marquetry

English marquetry owes its success to the Dutch taste which introduced it. In Evelyn's Diary an entry for 1664 tells us that the English "did formerly much glory" in their marquetry beds. Early English inlaid work exhibits none of the

floral extravagance of the pieces inspired by the Dutch taste. This Dutch influence, when it came, assumed sudden sway, in consequence of which English marquetry furniture is lacking in transitional pieces. William, Mary and Anne gave Dutch marquetry an influence that might make one forget the furniture at Hardwick Hall made for Bess of Hardwick or the cradle of James I. (1566.)

#### The Later Italian Products

When satinwood came into vogue towards the end of the 17th Century, painted furniture and more restrained inlay work became fashionable, though marquetry never died out. Queen Margareta of Italy was always greatly interested in reviving the old art of ininterested in reviving the old art of in-tarsia in Italy and patronized the Scuola d'Arte Reale, established in the old Con-vento di Sant' Antonio, in Sorrento, where it is taught. I am told that among the reconstruction problems of Italy, it is hoped that intarsia will furnish an industry that may be greatly developed by those who have become crippled in

I well remember how often when strolling along the Massa Lubrense and along the bypaths of Sorrento comin upon some intarsiatore, perhaps a child of ten, often an old man of eighty, sitting by the roadside, sometimes perched in the middle of the strada, industriously at work cutting out the pattern sheets of the various wood veneers under his hand. At times all Sorrento seemed merged in marquetry. Many are the beautiful things these workmen are capable of turning out. It is true that for the most part the objects made and sold to the tourist are garish, but even then they exhibit the fact that deft and faithful craftsmanship is still very much alive, and later years have greatly im-proved the product in the matter of a greater color restraint.

## An English House for an American Family

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more urbane character, the woodwork is painted white, which, with the white walls, yields an excellent foil for the mahogany furniture and the bright colors of the book-bindings and the printed linen hangings at the western range of casements. There are no sash curtains; the leading and the metal hand-pieces of the casements give sufficient decorative relief without them. Nor are there any unnecessary shades to spoil the lines. Bold moldings surround the fireplace and there is no mantel shelf either here or in the dining room.

#### The Paneled Dining Room

the chimney-piece picture, an 18th Cen-tury canvas of dark, rich tones, set in a architect.

waxed. The vertical battening of the black frame with a narrow gilt molding, doors with grooved and beaded boards. To accentuate and play up to this pic-deserves notic; so also does the simple true moldings of all the chimney-and vigorous wrought iron hardware, piece paneling have been emphasized in the drawing room, as beltis its with giding, Elsewhere in the room the green of the woodwork is unbroken. The heavy molding surrounding the fire-place is of white sandstone. The rest of the color emphasis and cheer is sup-plied by small-figured, multi-colored printed chintz curtains at the west and south ranges of casements. No short glass curtains are used.

#### The Architect and Client

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## How to Select Spring Curtain Fabrics

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There should always be a relative proportion between the shape of the window and the shape of the lambrequin, hat is, a wide, low window requires a rather narrow, arched-shaped lambrequin (Fig. A); while a narrow, high window is improved by a deeper one with a central obe (Fig. E). The average window, being approximately \$8 \times 0\cdot \text{, and for a value about \$1 \times 0 \text{, or a big one}.} \end{align\* There should always be a relative pro-

#### Making a Valance

First of all you will need a supply of put two rows of fine bastings about ½ manila paper, a yard stick, a T square, apart and stitch between. Leave on heavy pencil, scissors, and pins. Granted end of the valance open, to be blind that you are cutting for a window of stitched after turning. An inch openin average dimensions, with the aid of the square and yard stick cut an absolutely straight strip of paper 15" wide and as long as the width of your window. Fold crosswise at the center, pin firmly Fold crosswise at the center, pin firmly at the ends, and rule off into thrick lengthwise at A-A and B-B, and crosswise at C-C and D-D, as indicated in Diagram I. If your design is to be arched-shaped, the top of the arch should not go above line A-A. If it is to have a central lobe, the lobe should not extend below B-B. Starting at x, below the should not extend beyond D-D. From D-D to the fold complete the center portion, arch or lobe. An ordinary pencil compass is helpful in drawing the curves. Cut along the pencil line, unpin pencil compass is helpful in drawing the curves. Cut along the pencil line, unpin and open, and you will see that the side lobes and the central portion each occupy approximately one-third of the whole. Fig. F shows how a pattern may be adapted to a group of windows; and Figs. B and C suggest the severe lines best suited to the formal character of heavy materials.

of heavy materials.

The next step is to pin the pattern at the top of the window, over some side curtains, perfeatibly thoses with side curtains, perfeatibly thoses with the state of the

If you have hesitated to use valances cutting follow the curves very carefullycutting follow the curves very carefully, In using velour, see that the nap runs downward and pin the pattern on the wrong side of the goods to prevent slip-ping. With figured goods, make sure that the design conforms plessingly to the slape of the lambrequin, and match considerable of the conformation of the conformation of the conformation of the conformation of the monk's cloth and Russian crash, which have no several wave cut to best ad-beau no several wave cut to best adhave no special weave, cut to best advantage lengthwise of the cloth, particularly if the windows are extra wide or in groups. Side curtains made of such materials should have top and

bottom hems the same depth, so that they may be reversed.

Heavy stuffs, like velour, damask, or rep, should be lined with sateen similar material, but cotton draperies

In lining velour, to prevent slipping, apart and stitch between. Leave one end of the valance open, to be blind-stitched after turning. An inch opening at the top of each end will permit the valance to hang on a separate rod; otherwise pins or hooks may be fastened to the back.

#### Finish Accessories

Galoon, cord, fringe, and tassels are accessory touches which give finish and charm to window draperies. Very handsome galoons are found in silk of plain or mixed colors, and in dull gold or silver thread. They must be applied before lining, set the depth of their width from the edge, basted firmly along both edges, and neatly mitred at the corners. All the colors of the drapery may be repeated in the trimming, or a may be repeated in the trimming, or a particular hue emphasized by a fringe or braid of solid color.

In sewing these edgings on cotton materials, crease down 4/" on the right side of the goods and baste the edging

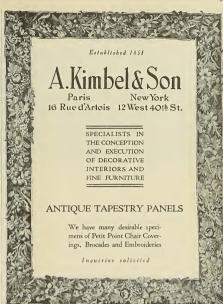
over this, holding it a little slack on the outward curves. Stitch the outer edge on the wrong side, and the inner one on the right side. Where casement curtains are not used finish the inner edges and bottoms of side curtains with the same trimming, to soften the

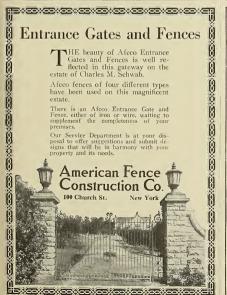
outline.

If you wish to live happily with your new curtains, remember that the fabric which on the counter looks "perfectly fascinating" may become a very different thing when hung at your windows. The light showing through intensifies some colors and softens others. If possible, have the bolt sent home on apwhen re-cutting, if the valances are proval, but in any case take with you a to be lined, add an extra half-inch at piece of the wall paper and try it with teop, to allow for seams; if unlined, the top, to allow for seams; if unlined, the standard provides the standard provides and the standard provides









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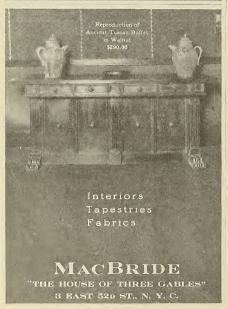
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## April Plantings in the Vegetable Garden

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first row is perfectly straight. Make all the drills before you start sowing seed. the drills before you start sowing seed. After completing each one the line is moved to the next. A glance at the label or seed packet will tell you what kind of drill to make, as shown on page 50.

#### Sowing the Seed

There is more nonsense connected with the sowing of the seed than any other plain, simple operation that I know of. Forget all this twaddle about know of. Forget all this twaddle about the full of the moon, the rising of the tide and various other old-time fallacies. A little sound common sense is worth all the jingles Old King Cole ever knew. Weather is always a factor in determin-ing the time for garden operations, of course. The date may vary to some excourse. The date may vary to some ex-tent, but usually around April 1st in the latitude of New York you may begin outdoor sowing. Roughly speaking, for each 100 miles north or south of this latitude the date will be one week later

lattude the date will be one week later or earlier, respectively. Seeds sown outside are customarily sown from the hand. Peas are taken from their container and scattered in the drill in about the quantities that will mature: the seeds of beets, carrofs, lettuce, Swiss chard, onlons, parsley, parship, etc., are distributed rather thinly in the drills with the purpose in mind of thinning the plants out when the proper

time arrives.

The common error when sowing seeds is to plant too thickly; this causes the seedlings to be weak and thin, and "damping off" will often follow. It be of interest to know that not may be of interest to know that not many years ago some seedsmen considered it a good practice to "kill" some seeds by the addition of a percentage of dead seeds. This was done to offset the danger of sowing too thickly the strong germinating sorts such as turnip,

Pumpkins, squash, cucumbers, melons, corn, etc., are usually sown in hills be-cause they are heat lovers; they should not be sown until May in the latitude of New York. The reason for the hill is that it assures ample drainage and re-moves the danger of the seed decaying if the soil is a little cold and damp. These seeds are placed the required number to a hill and poked into the soil to the proper depth. Generally about six to eight seeds are sown to a hill, and when the young plants are large enough to handle they are thinned out to three. Do not make holes with a dibble when

you come to planting the onion sets. The quickest method is to make a drill exactly as you would for onion seed, and press the bulbs into the bottom, using your feet to cover them with

The whole secret of successful garden-ing is in being able quickly to adapt yourself to conditions that are constantly changing. Do not do a certain task on the third day of April simply because you did the same thing on the same day last year—conditions may be different.

#### What to Sow Now

What seed to sow is always a very vital part of the garden problem, but it will be considerably simplified by eliminating those varieties or types from which you fail to get full value. The average home garden contains too much variety; it is more of an experimental bed, with some curious peppers from Brazil or cute little egg-plants more or-

and making absolutely certain that the namental than useful. I am not trying to discourage anyone from trying new to discourage anyone from trying new varieties, but do not let these new sorts interfere with the producing value of your garden until you are assured they are a real acquisition.

The various seeds that can be sown now include English broad bean, asparagus, beet, celery, borage, borecole, cab-bage, carrot, cauliflower, celeriac, chervil, chicory, corn salad, cress, dande-lion, endive, horseradish, kohlrabi, leek, onion, lettuce, mustard, oyster-plant, parsley, parsnip, peas, radish, potatoes, romaine, rhubarb, scorzonera, spinach, Swiss chard, turnip, and practically all the herbs. Now is the time to draw the blue pencil through those you do

not want.

A number of the types called for on the list should have been started from seed sown in the greenhouse. They include cabbage, cauliflower, celery, lettuce and endive

#### Vegetable Details

As to some of the others listed As to some of the others issted: Chervil, corn salad, cress and mustard are catch crops; dandelion is exceptional in the garden, but you may like it. Herbs are generally grown in a side border and handled separately. Scorzonera is an inferior oyster-plant.

If there can be any such thing as a strend of the grown of the properties of the control of t

standard list for your garden, here might

be the basis for it:

Beets and carrots, which are true
companion crops; turnip and kohlrabi as spring and fall root crops; and chicory, which is grown for the edible tops of the forced growth which are termed French endive. Leek and onions, in-cluding all the shallots and garlic; seccluding all the shallots and garlic; sec-ond crop sowing of lettuce, endive or romaine; celeriac, oyster-plant and parsip—all-escon root crops that are classed to the partial parsity. Swiss chart and the partial parsity of the chart of the partial partial partial partial chart and the partial partial partial partial chart and partial partial partial partial chart partial separately and the early varieties may be planted now.

#### Arranging the Rows

Proceeding with the actual planting Proceeding with the actual planting of the garden, let us put in row 1, parsnip; 2, oyster-plant; 3, chicory; 4, celeriac; 5, parsley; 6, Swiss chard; 7, New Zealand spinach; 8, onlons; 9, onlons ests; 10, beets; 11, carrots; 12, kohlrabi; 13, turnip; 14, peas; 15, spinach; 16, a little 3' border for the berbs. This last space will also be useful for late plantings of Russels surguis; enhance plantings of Russels surguis; enhances This hast space will also be useful for late plantings of Brussels sprouts, cabbage, celery, etc. Thus laid out, the space provides, of course, only for the things to be planted now; later crops while grow taller will go in other rows as explained in a previous paragraph.

Vegetables for which you do not wind the planted on the planted on the planted will be some all a time. Proportion the source of the planted will be some all a time. Proportion the

you are fond more than one row may be sown at a time. Proportion the garden to your needs; for instance, rows, 5, 6 and 7 may be combined into one row, giving a third of if to each kind. Plant several rows of peas and sphach for canning, as the first crops to mature of these cool plants are the best for this purpose. If you are fond of youter-plant sow several rows, and if you want onlons for next whiter sow a number of rows of them.

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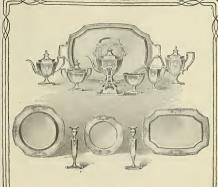
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## The Possibilities of a Small Rose Garden

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of each variety are the ideal, and those bushes that have been most prolific in their bloom are the Killarneys, particularly Killarney Queen; Ophelia, Radi-ance, Pharisaer and Lady Ashton among the hybrid teas; and Mrs. John Laing and Frau Karl Druschki among the per petuals. Captain Christy, an old-fash-ioned June rose planted next the Dor-othy Perkins that covers one of the arches, is a prize-winner. The plant was not bought, but was grown from a slip taken from a bush in the June rose bed on the far side of the garden.

#### Rose Requirements

For the rose planting of the busy suburban dweller a small area is pre-terable, particularly if he wishes to do the work himself. Roses are exacting and need constant attention. They require both light and air, and therefore cannot be successfully included in mixed border planting because the bushes, which in themselves are not decorative, are crowded in and gasp their lives The blooms, too, are of such paramount importance and have been so highly developed in recent years that it seems almost criminal to place them in borders where they would be lost in the gorgeousness of the general effect

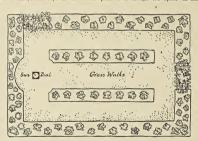
To be sure, this thoroughly socialistic treatment for the general good has improved the appearance of our gardens. for it has, to a great extent, eliminated that horror of horrors, the center bed of cannas surrounded by salvias and coleus. Roses, however, must be viewed

separately, as units, and nothing must be allowed to detract from the flowers Even beds of them lose themselves. themselves. Even beds of them lose character when planted among other flowers; the rose garden must have the charm of individual perfection. Besides simplicity, seclusion, unity— all of which in a small garden combine

toward an intimacy unattainable on the large estate—many things must be kept in mind when making a rose garden. The situation should be open but shel-tered from high winds. A southeastern exposure is preferable, but if this is im-possible, always keep in mind that that rose garden will do best which the morning sun is slow in reaching. The main fact about soil is that the beds must be thoroughly prepared—dug to a depth of 18" and the soil, if clay, removed altogether and replaced by loam well composted with manure. Good drainage is essential, as low ground with its surface water would winter-kill the bushes even if it did nothing else. Nor is the first planting the last care. At least once a week the beds must be tilled, and a watch kept constantly for diseases and insects

and insects.

To some, perhaps, rose gardening will seem too great a burden, but to those who love plants of any description the pleasure of obtaining perfect blooms will far outweigh the toil. We are getting back to the land more sanely than ever before, and one of the first desires after acquiring property is to improve it by judicious planting. Roses will accom-plish this, though the space be small.



The plan of the garden shown on page 40. The walks are of turf, soft to walk upon and agreeable to the eye

## Twelve Don'ts for Amateur Decorators

interest to women; a subject in more appropriate, fact about which they have learned much and are willing to take infinite charm and indescribably impossible colpains and to get expert advice con-oring should not be allowed to be (just pains and to get expert advice con-stantly. But when it comes to the deco-ration of their households, the same women's interest is woefully lacking. Or should I say that their information of should I say that their miorination is surprisingly inadequate? After all her environment bespeaks the woman as much as her clothes and it is high time that some of the most blatant mistakes which she seems to be making should be discussed.

The following are a few suggestions of what not to do, which though frightfully obvious are evidently still not understood

1. Don't invest in a "tapestry" covered davenport, in the naïve belief that you have acquired a thing of beauty. The "tapestry" is really a cheap, commonplace imitation, whereas a simple sateen or denim covering with a chintz

LOTHES are a constant source of slip cover to follow would be much

because you have it) the basis for the entire room's color scheme.

3. The unwary purchaser even now seems to have a suite of furniture of

six or seven pieces covered in green velour, or some other unpleasant color with real mahogany framework foisted upon them. This is sufficient to throw a pall of indestructible gloom over what should be the cheerful living room, which no further decoration-save the -can remove

4. Remember that the only esthetic value of highly varnished "golden oak" is its name and wherever possible have is its name and wherever possible have
the varnish removed, the woodwork
stained a dark color and finished with
wax, or painted a good tone.

5. Don't allow a crowd of framed
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## Twelve Don'ts for Amateur Decorators

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photographs, even though they be of the much abused and misunderstood the most fascinating people, to swamp periods of the French Louis. They will every available space on tables and be expensive in the end.

10. Decorate by a process of elimination.

room. 6. Don't invest in the latest postimpressionist chintz done in brilliantly impressionist chintz done in brilliantiy unhealthy colors, dye cheesecloth to match and hang at the windows, stick a Russian pottery bowl with a bit of bit-tersweet in it on a gateleg table and feel that you have achieved the ultimate

expression of your cosmic urge.
7. Give the small room a chance to breathe. Don't cover its walls with a paper of huge, overpowering design and crowd its limited floor space with all sorts of unnecessary junk however charming, could make you feel

8. There is no excuse for "lace" cur- There is no excuse for "lace" cur-tains, when the simplicity, effectiveness and good taste of muslin, net, dotted swiss or gauze are remembered, to say nothing of their comparative inexpensiveness

9. Don't buy cheap imitations—not reproductions, but poor substitutes for

tion with a careful regard to the suitability of your choice, remembering the exact use for which the room is in-

tended. 11. We have all suffered from poor furniture arrangement. It may either be so jumbled and crowded together be so jumbled and crowded together that one can barely walk across the room with any degree of comfort, or it may glower at you from every corner and be on unfriendly terms even with itself. Either condition is trying and under such circumstances, no hostess

at home at home.

12. Try living in your rooms and see whether you are comfortable, that's the real test. Don't go in for tawdry magnificence, but rather aim at ease with luxury if you like, but suitability at all

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## Autumn Flowering Bulbs

W. R. GILBERT

that with the passing of the snowdrops and crocuses, the daffodils and narcissi, and the hyacinths and tulips that make our gardens gay in the Spring, the flowering of bulbous plants is over for another year. Such, however, is not the case. Apart from the many lovely kinds of *lilium* that flower during the summer months, there are quite a large summer months, there are quite a large number of bulbous plants that bloom freely in the open in the autumn—at least between the end of July and the end of September, and with luck in

October—thus giving bulbous blossoms six or seven months in the year.

It is interesting to note that when the spring flowering bulbs are entering a dormant state, to enjoy a period of suspended animation, their autumn flowering brethren are just starting into active growth. Each group vegetates, increases, and blooms in a period of eight months. With the exception of sunshine there is very little difference between the cultural conditions of each group.

As a harbinger of Autumn, premier place must be given to the gladiolus. As a result of about eighty years of As a result of about eighty years of hybridizing and cross-breeding hundreds of gorgeously colored varieties have been evolved from some of the South African species. Lemoinei Nanceianus and Childsi have received a world-wide reputation, and are now being utilized by American growers to create still more wondrous forms. Al-most every shade of color is represented in the modern garden gladiolus, from the most vivid scarlet to the deepest of violets and purples, and the purest of white, yellows, and pinks. The great aim of breeders seems to point to the production of large, open, firm petalled flowers with a purity of colors such as white, yellow, scarlet, pink and blue, and very large sums are paid for bulbs, or rather corms, of any novelty coming

near to these conditions.

Between the pure self colors are in-numerable forms with a richness and variety of coloring impossible to de-scribe. At present the finest whites in-clude Albion, L'Immaculée and Peace. The best yellows are Golden Measure, Sulphur King and Goldfinder. Pinks Sunplus Aing and Columneer. Pinks include America, Perfection and Romana, while Badenia, a deep lavender-purple, and Baron Joe Hulot, a deep violet, come as near a true blue as

OUTSIDE the ranks of the profes- the corms should be planted 4" to 5" sional horticulturist most people deep in April or May in a deeply dug are probably under the impression or trenched sandy loam enriched with

or trenched sandy loam enriched with plenty of well decayed manure. The monthretias or tritonias are an-other splendid race which is being rap-idly improved. The long, gracefully arching sprays of bright yellow or deep orange-colored flowers are valuable not only for floral decorations, but for the only for floral decorations, but for the brilliant glow they give to the garden in early autumn. There are many fine varieties, as Cresus, Diadem, Fire King; but all these are surpassed by The Star of the East, whose rich yellow flowers are 4" across.

The common meadow saffron is one The common meadow saffron is one of the best known of autumn flowering bulbs and is often spoken of as the autumn crocus, although it belongs to quite a different family. Amongst crocuses proper the finest of the autumn flowering kinds is C. specious, the bilae or purple blooms of which decorate the ground in late August. There is a very effective white-flowered form, called Aitchisoni.

For massing boldly in the lawn shrubbery or rock garden, or for pot culture in a cool greenhouse, the Sternbergias are excellent for autumn flowering. They like a rich sandy loam and should be planted in June. S. lutea is supposed to be the Scriptural "Lily of the Field." Its large yellow flowers nestle among the narrow strap-shaped leaves in the beginning of September. S. macrantha is very similar but throws its flowers at the same period without the leaves;

these develop later. Although the above are among the finest and best known of autumn flowering bulbs, there are others which are entitled to mention in the hope that they may soon become more widely-cultivated. The South African bella-donna lily (Amaryllis belladonna), if planted in a well drained sandy loam in a warm south border will flower freely when established. The large rosy freely when established. The large rosy and white flowers appear minus the foliage in August on top of fleshy stems. The Kew variety has become famous for its great size, deep color and large number of flowers. Crimum Powelli, a hybrid of garden origin, deserves to be grown for its lovely rose with flowers and the white form

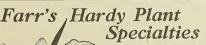
ly rosy pink flowers, and the white form of it, alba, is even more deserving.

Less well known autumn flowering bulbs include Lycoris squamigera, which

violet, come as near a true blue as has rose lilac flowers and should be possible.

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The side lights in the boudoir are Chinese glass pictures made into ap-

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## The Variety of Ranges

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quent care of fire and a shes. For the minimum common common she she shall range use less coal. In designing the gas range the manuscletch. The larger range uses less coal. In designing the gas range the manuscletch to keep up a consistently good fire and facturers considered the comfort of the it is easily speeded up. In a range of cook and placed the oversand broaders and stronger to stone to attend to fire over night.

The smart French ranges made of rust resisting iron with highly polished steel trimmings have remedied most faults. They are equipped with shaking and dumping grates and perfectly con-structed draughts. The ashes are dumped down a chute. The heat is distributed around the entire oven before thoused around the entire oven before it is allowed to escape up the flue. In the modern perfected ranges the smoke and gas are carried directly into the flues and the unsightly stove pipe is eliminated.

When a coal range does not draw well there is sure to be some obstruction of the draughts. Very often the chimney is too small or choked with bricks or exposed to a down draught of neighboring houses or the flues may be too.small. A crack in the oven or lids may cause a cold draught or too many stoves ata con uraught of too many stoves at-tached to the same chimney may be the cause. If the cause cannot be found readily, a specialist in stove troubles should be consulted.

#### Combined Coal and Gas Ranges

For both large and small houses a combination coal and gas range can be had. Not only is this combination ecohad. Not only is this combination eco-nomical of space but quite as economi-cal of time and fuel. For quick baking, browning and like cooking the gas oven is ready in but a few minutes. In sum-mer the coal range can be dispensed with. On one design the doors open in a horizontal position supported by polished steel brackets upon which the roast or bread can be drawn out. The gas oven and broiler are placed above the table top which is of the approved working height from the floor. The ovens of the best type ranges are lined with a heavy aluminum and require less heat after the initial heating for cooking, because aluminum after once thor-oughly heated retains heat. These ranges also heat all the water for the house.

#### Gas Ranges

The gas range of today is distinguished The gas range of today is distinguished for the following features: the heat of the oven is so distributed that food will cook evenly top and bottom in any part of the oven, the air space of the walls of the oven are insulated thereby preventing loss by radiation of an undue quantity of heat, adjustable air mixers on all burners permit of complete elimi-parties of sort belling burners are so to an untries permit of compiler elimites and in some protons of the tental nation of soot, boiling burners are so the rate has been lowered so that it set that placing a vessel over them does compares favorably with that of gas, not smother the flame or prevent com. In the vicinity of New York, however, plete combustion and the boiling burn
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quent care of fire and a shes. For ers and fixtures are easily removed for

ing it unnecessary to stoop to attend to these cooking operations. The lower

great convenience. There are many devices that are hailed with delight such as the hooded pilot lighter. It is placed in the center of the four burners and burns constantly and insures an immediate flame for all and msures an immediate finature for an or any of the burners by merely pressing a button. The cost of operating this device, it has been estimated, is one-tenth of a cent per day, less than the cost of matches and certainly less dangerous and a more tidy practice.

Gas ranges come in all sizes from the

one and two burner rings with portable oven to the ranges that closely resem-ble the French coal range of iron and steel. One clever combination is the freless cooker and the gas range, recommended for its economy of fuel. Another combination is the gas and elecother combination is the gas and elec-tric range that has all the advantages of both. The fireless cooker is a part of this range rather than an accessory. There is one distinct advantage in this arrangement—the fireless cooker hood and the oven are both well heated be-fore the food is placed in the fireless

fore the food is placed in the fireless cooker, the cooking process starting im-mediately, since the heat is not extracted from the food to heat the cooker. This oven becomes a fireless cooker oven or a gas oven according to whether the handle is turned to the right or the left. nandie is turned to the right or the left. The hood that completely covers the fireless cooker burners at one side of the table top of the range can be raised and pushed aside when not in use. In installing a gas range the flow of gas should be examined by an expert

gas should be examined by an expert for unless properly adjusted one is likely to pay for gas that is not giving service in heat besides being annoyed by the unpleasant odor of gas fumes. Air mixers accompany all burners and should be adjusted by one familiar with the construction of the stove.

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The Variety of Ranges (Continued from page 72)

the rate is still too high for any but lamp socket devices. It has been estimated that there are at least 4,000 com-munities in the United States where the special rate of heating and cooking electricity is at five cents per kilowatt hour. The advantages of cooking by electricity are so many that even a slight lowering of the rate will be a big inducement for many who can afford to install electric ranges, especially those who are wedded to the use of lamp socket electric de-

Considering that the appearance of food is more attractive when cooked by electricity than by coal or gas, that there is from fifteen to twenty-five per cent saved in weight when cooking by electricity, it is wise to compute the difference in the cost of electricity and gas in your community before deciding gas in your community before deciding that you cannot afford to cook by elec-tricity. Besides these facts there are others important enough to enter into the decision. There is absolutely no dan-ger in cooking with this medium, it is the most sanitary of all cooking agents and there are no consequent foul gases and fumes, the heat regulation is perfect, hence the perfect results, and the operation is most simple and convenient.

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plates are equipped with three heat units. Wire heating units are sheathed so that every portion can be cleaned without danger of shock. Oven doors in some models drop in a horizontal position so that a shelf is formed on which one can draw out the roast or bread. Many oven doors have glass windows for inspecting the food while cooking, obviating the constant open-ing of the oven door. Many are equipped with an automatic clock which will turn off the current at any desired time

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#### Other Fuels

Gasoline is the most dangerous of all Gasoline is the most dangerous of all fuels and should be used with the great-est precaution and only when there is no other available fuel. Manufacturers who have the consideration of the cook who have the consideration of the cook at heart have put on the market very desirable oil ranges. This method of cooking is most practical in the country during the summer where there is no other fuel than the coal range. It is difficult to bake quickly in an oil oven for it heats slower than any other and for it heats slower than any other and the baking is consequently slower. Alcohol is used in many cases where other fuels are considered dangerous or not procurable. Alcohol burns at a lower temperature than other fuels, consequently spilled alcohol will burn and leave the table or tray on which it spilled unharmed. Portable alcohol stoves with separate ovens will meet any unusual need

All mediums considered, electricity is par excellence and it is to be hoped that in the near future cooking and heating rates will be lowered sufficiently to be

within the reach of all.



## Lavering Carnations

JULY is the month best suited for car- leaves more or less upright. This needs mation layering, and layering is the top decarfully done, or the stem may gating these plants. Unless they are so shoot into a cutting, and insert under propagated, and their youth renewed, a hand-light or in a frame, and keep rot and decay set in, and when the of getting it to root. whiter is over the carnations are found to be no more, or so far debilitated as to be useless. Layering is, therefore, a necessary cultural operation, apart from the mere multiplication of plants.

The leafy growths are the ones to layer, not the flowering stems. First clear away all dead leaves and rubbish from the plants, and fork up the soil all around with a hand fork. On this put a layer of gritty, sandy loam as a rooting medium and press down slight-ly. Now select a shoot for operating upon and trim off all leaves from the upon and trim off all leaves from the lower part. Bend it down to see where is the most suitable part to cut, and then with a skeen knife cut halfway into the stem just below a joint and slit the stem upward toward the end of the shoot for about 1". This forms a tongue. If the incision is made below a joint the piece of stem should be cut from the torque so that the joint force. from the tongue, so that the joint forms

without severing it from the parent stem, and cuttings in general must be cut through just below a joint. Press the cut shoots on to the soil, and peg firmly down just behind where the cut was made. Then cover with 2" of the sandy soil, and place more in front of the shoot, so as to bend the tutt of

ULY is the month best suited for car- leaves more or less upright. This needs

Some growers cut the leaves off to about two-thirds of their length to reduce the drain upon the plants, but this is not essential. The pegs may be small wooden ones cut from birch brooms, stems of bracken, prived, etc., or the ubiquitous lady's hairpin, may be requisitioned. Layering pins can be purchased cheapy if desired. After layering water with a rosed watering can to settle all, and repeat as necessary should the weather be dry. (from its neighbor, so that when finished

from its neighbor, so that when finished the parent plant will be surrounded with a circle of layered shoots. Carnations in pots can be similarly

layered, either by setting the old plant dropping it into a box or large pot, and filling all around with light, sandy, loamy soil and layering therein. Layer-The tongue, so that the joint forms loam, so in and agering therein. Layer its base.

The idea is the making of a cutting after a hot day, when the stems are without severing it from the parent more or less limp, as they bend better stem, and cuttings in general must be then and are less liable to break. The best soil for layering into is equal parts leaf mould, loam, coarse sand and burnt refuse ash. A folded sack, to form a kneeling pad, so that the operator can get right down to his work, is a help.

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An 18th Century print with hand-painted bor-der, showing French influence

## Portuguese Prints

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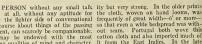
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william and Mary and Queen Anne.
Many reproductions of these, some
of them even printed from the
same old hand-blocks, are available same resources and it is worth while to point out the possibility of employing for the same purpose

of employing for the same purpose the Portuguese prints, wrought from the late 16th Century to the early part of the 19th.

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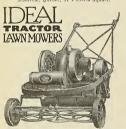






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Late 18th Century woolen hand-block fruit showing In-dian influence

## Portuguese Prints

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were commonly so manipulated as impart definition to the design. The early red, prepared from kermes, was far softer and more tractable than the later reds prepared from cochineal; the early blue, prepared from pastel, also had some desirable qualities not pos-sessed by the later indigo.

The secret of these colors and also the and also the use of many of the later coloring substances the Portuguese learned through their extensive East Indian connection. They were really the pioneers in introducing these, and likewise many of the most prized designs and fashions, into Europe

In the later prints, especially when

mulberry or mauve, such as may be the reflex effect of English and French seen in old cashmere shawls, played an influence, aided by the more highly demoprating part in the early color veloped technical processes employed by schemes; the browns, generally a strong British and French artisans, began to be umber, were judiciously employed and felt in Portugal, the colors became more trenchant and varied and we find vigorous reds, blues, yellows, greens, and browns dominating the field. There is unmistakable evidence that,

in the late 16th and early 17th Cen-turies, many of the decorations were done altogether by hand. The next step was to impress the designs with wooden was to impress the designs with wooden hand-blocks. Some of the pieces show that the work of the wood-blocks was supplemented by handwork. During the greater part of the 17th and 18th Centuries wooden blocks alone were used almost exclusively. From about the almost exclusively. From about the middle of the 18th Century a combination stencil and sponge process was also employed to some extent, the colors being daubed or pounced on with

being daubed or pounced on with a sponge through the openings of the stencil. Late in the 18th Century wooden rolls largely su-perseded the hand-blocks, there-by economizing time, effecting uniform regularity of repeats, and making possible the accurate exe-cution of striped patterns. In England and France steel rolls and plates also were used at this time, resulting in sharpness of design and emphasizing shading.

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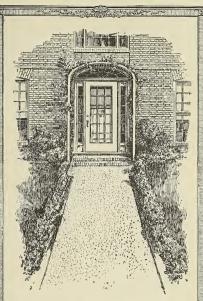
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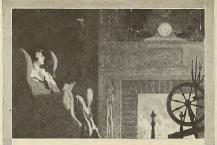
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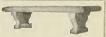


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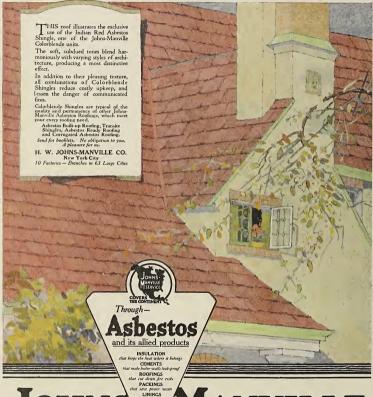
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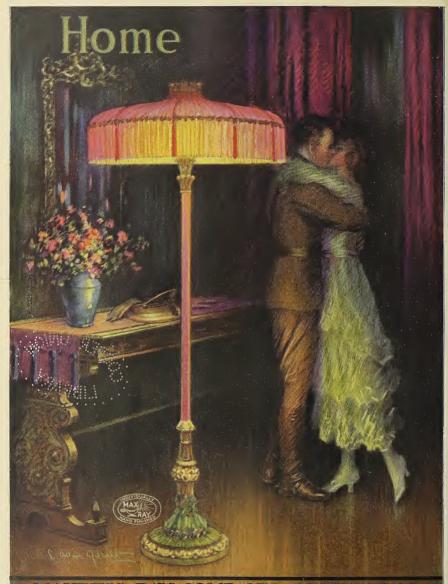


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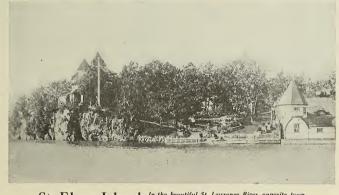
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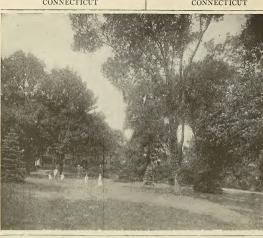


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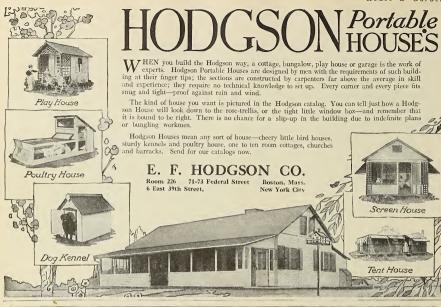
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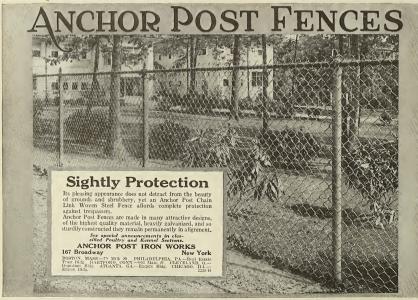
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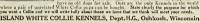


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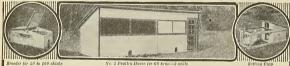
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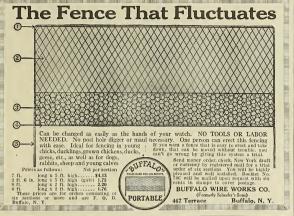


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#### GARDEN FURNISHING IN JUNE

T is an earnest of our growing saneness of viewpoint, the increased enthusiasm with which we turn each spring and summer to the out of doors. Not only are the ranks of out-and-out campers and trampers and back out-and-out campers and trampers and back-to-naturers swelling, but we mere prosaic Americans whose daily outings take us little farther than the bird pool at the end of the garden finds ourselves, with the advent of each warm season, living more and more among

each warm season, living more and more among our shrubs and trees and flowers. Living anywhere without furniture is an anomaly—even your camper makes himself a view have assembled a selection of those accessories which make the outdoor hours at home still more delightful. There are two pages of garden furniture of the practical as well as ornamental kind; two more on statuary and two on wall foundains. Awnings come in for attention, too; and sleeping porches, with some seen in a lone while. seen in a long while.

As settings for our sky-roofed rooms there



One of the views which link the garden and the house in the June number

must be growing plants, of course. Climbing roses, for example—three pages which tell all about the fifty best kinds. Earnest Ingersoll contributes a charming account of the vital

contributes a charming account of the vital relationship which exists between birds and flowers; and there are many garden photographs which are in themselves an inspiration. There must be rainly days in every garden, days when four walls and a tight roof are good things to possess. When they come you can turn to the cretomes for the summer house, or new ideas in lamps and lighting fixures, or callecting old vortes, or kitchenettes where one can really cook—we show them all and other things besides, such as real halftimber work and some wholly attractive Japa-

nese houses.

So, you see, the June number is a well balanced one. In this short analysis we cannot
begin to mention all the features, but we are
going to ask you to take our word for it that
we feel just a little bit proud of the way the
magazine will look when you open it.

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### THIS AGED GARDEN STAIRS

As in life, so in architecture, mere years do not make age. This garden stairs, for example. A hundred? Perhaps three hundred years old? Ves, the stones are swely that old and the timber and possibly the cosement windows. For it takes a long time to make a stone or a big beam. But the compositic is a mere highat. For the architect's skill has combined these

elements which are old in themselves, has given them a relationship and a setting commensurate with their intrinsic antiquity. And thus we have—recently completed—this aged garden stairs leading from the residence of George Marshall Aller's house at Convent, N. J. Charles I. Berg was the architect of the house



### THE DECORATION of SUMMER CAMPS

Suggestions for Wall, Floor and Window Treatments—The Use of Strong
Colors—Convenience and Furnishing

#### AGNES FOSTER WRIGHT

I T is the hardest thing in the world to let a piece of work alone after one thinks it is finished. We ache to add a little touch here or a spot there and, in the end, we find we have lost the simple, perfect thing as it stood. How true this is of painting. The picture

How true this is of painting. The picture seems perfect. But we haven't the will to stop there. We add a touch of rose. That seems too bright. So we go over it with blue, making it purple. Then it seems to attract the eye too much. Finally we neutralize it, and end by having a muddy mess.

This is also true of house furnishing. We over-elaborate. We are possessed with the idea of purchasing, and we over-crowd or over-elaborate our rooms.

To my mind this is the fault with many camps—not cottages or summer hotels. The charm of a camp should lie in its very crudeness and simplicity. There should be a hardiness about it, something that looks well with

rugged foliage.
Nothing finicky
and dressed up. The
interior should be a
background for
camping clothes.
The minute a camp
is dressy it loses its
appearance of good
breeding. It is out
of place, like an ostrich plume on a
picnic.

A camp should be planned for views, not big, extensive views necessarily, just a view into a clump of trees or across a little stream. A view that is likable and intimate. For that reason the decoration and particularly the curtaining should not detacts.

#### Strong Colors

In a camp I believe primary colors should be used. There is something vigorous and strengthening in pure, flat color. Try a patch of crimson against pines, a bit of yellow reflecting in water or a snatch of brilliant blue against silver birch. They go!

Try a dining room with white, smooth walls, and put in emerald green furniture, possibly touched here and there with black, and with a black rug of belgian rush or flat weave. Over the mantel set into the plaster a large Chinese lacquer tray of the most brilliant red. Paint a band of red on the edge of the window shades, and a small bold design in the middle, just enough to bring the colors beyond the window into contrast. On the mantel put a pair of brilliant green glass vases—decorative and useful for flowers.

#### Camp Walls

One should never attempt to paper or panel camp walls. Avoid this formality of treatment by using rough plaster in the rooms downstairs and smooth upstairs. This does not mean that the rooms must necessarily be cold or barren. One bedroom could have pink chambray bed and chair covers, and pink chambray curtains with stiff little valances and tie-backs. The fabric can be a print with bright, fresh roses scattered over it. A draped dressing table completes this picture of crisp freshness. Besides, the fabrics can easily be laundered.

There is something distinctly ugly about matched board walls. This is due partly to the glossy varnish with which matched boards are generally finished. It is better to stain the boards a more neutral tone or, if they are in a bad condition, linen gauze can be sewed up and stretched over the walls. This provides a good neutral background and will not hold moisture and dust as burlap does.

Rough plaster usually takes on a soft color after a little while, or, if one is impatient, a coat of water color can be applied. A clear bluish green is a good tint, or a soft yellow.

The finest finish for a camp living room wall that I have seen was awainscot of old fence slabs. These were gathered up in the country for miles around—gray with age and with little patches of moss here and there, They were set up vertically. The woodwork matched, and the rough plaster above was stained

#### The Rugs

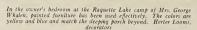
Camp floors are the place for fur rugs and skins. Never mind whether or not you did the killing. The man whose floors are covered with the spoils of his own hunts is generally a bore—he has constantly and irresistibly be for e him a topic of conversation of his own prowess!

There is a variety



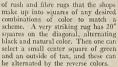
For the porch of the Whalen camp at Raquette Lake, linen gauze curtains with worsted fringe are used. Card table wrought iron with black glass top. Agnes Foster Wright, decorator





A summer camp music room, with high vains of of rough boards and rough plaster above. Hayden & Co. were the decorators

The terrace is a necessary adjunct to the summer camp.
Reed or willow furniture can
be used



All hand-woven rugs seem adaptable for camp use. The weave is called "tapestry" as there is no pile to the rug. A pile carpeting should never be used in a camp. It is too formal. A splendid all-wool rug comes, made to any size, with a plain band border on the ends.

For the bedrooms nothing could be better than hooked rugs to match the cretonne used. They should be small and brilliant and the very fact that

they are made especially to match the cretonne gives them a quaintly attractive effect. There are also old-fashioned braided rugs and crocheted rugs that can well take the place of rag rugs.

#### Gingham Curtains

With such rugs the curtain material most suitable seems to be gingham. A blue and purple gingham edge on white, unbleached muslin is good, with gingham tie-backs and as color notes for the painted furniture. A little green, red or white striped gingham, with a tiny ruffle of the red, makes a fresh, simple curtain. Dotted grenadine for the curtains used over a small, bright patterned chintz, is adorable in a child's room. The curtains should be looped back and the bed cover should be of the dotted grenadine. Bright pink roses with blue rib-bons—could anything be more enchanting for a summer camp swith children!

Ultra-fashionable linens are so often used because the colors are crude. A particularly good design has a fresh green background with a dark blue and orange pattern. If the furni-



The living room of the Whalen camp is furnished simply with mahogany and a few upholstered pieces. Herter Looms, decorators



Each room is named after the linen used in it. This is the pomegranate room, and has a decorated panel on the door to that effect. The room opens directly on a sleeping porch. Herter Looms were the decorators

ture was painted blue, it would be quite nice. Jacobean patterned linens in rich browns and dull yellows and blue, seem designed to go with old oak and-plaster. Personally I think plain materials the best. One gets color but no distracting design. A splendid, very heavy red cotton material comes with a black selvage, with a tiny line of yellow. It is 50° wide and heavy enough to shut out cold night draughts. Such materials go with pine woods, I feel.

#### For Porches

On porches, where the view must be shut off, nothing is so serviceable as linen gauze. One can see through it perfectly. With a little wool fringe to give it weight and color, it is perfect for such use.

For the sleeping porch use a dark glazed chintz made up into roller shades, with a screweye in either end of the slat through which a cord can be run, fastened to the window trin to prevent the shade from blowing out and flapping. I know of no better way to shut out the morning light which is so objectionable to many.

After all, one goes to a camp to sleep and rest, and every piece of furniture placed in it and every inch of fabric should be chosen with that end in view. Fewer pieces will reduce the necessary household labor to a minimum. Virile colors will tone in harmoniously with the strong notes of Nature, and the resultant decoration will prove a radical change from the more cautious furnishing of city homes.

These points are illustrated in the summer camp shown on these three pages. It is the camp of Mrs. George Whalen at Raquette Lake, N. Y., and combines all the necessary conveniences with harmonious and livable furnishings. Its architecture is characteristic of the type and location, and some of this architecture has come through the walls to furnish ample backgrounds against which the decorators worked.

The dining room is simple and refreshing. The Jacobeans well suit the oak and plaster walls. Designed by B. Muncie. Hayden & Co., decorators



A general view of the Whalen camp shows its close proximity to the water, and the architecture, which is harmonious with the surroundings

A "snuggle in" lean-to, where one can watch the logs burn in the stone fireplace. It is hung with balsam boughs





An original method of orranging casement windows with a place specially built for plants and a small trellis is the chief point of interest in the dining room. This room is furnished with happine making and the vall are papered with a smart green and white stripe and white stripe and white stripe.



Over the quaint old marble mantel, with its painted bla e k marble inserts, hangs an old family portrait. The table set for luncheon is beautifully appointed with old silver and with old silver and old painted screen to a painted screen with an architectural design contributes an interesting touch May, 1919



A gray and white scenic paper with a tall tree design is used in one of the bedrooms with a most delightful result. The dress-ing table is draped in old blue taffeta

The entrance hallway in indicative of the distinction of the entire house. Tapestries hang on the buff walls and a figure holds ivy in front of the black marble mantel



In a corner near the window in the well stocked library, a pair of green parakeets in-habit a cage, which swings on a decorative stand. A tall, clear glass Colonial vase is one of the many fascinating objects on the shelves

ROOMS in the RESIDENCE of MRS. ROBERT G. REESE, NEW YORK CITY



### BUILDING AS A GENTLEMAN'S HOBBY

N the early days of this country no gentleman was worth the name unless he had at least a smattering of architecture, no gentleman's library was complete without its architectural books. Washington found time to design a church near Alexandria, model a mantel and lay out the Mount Vernon grounds. Thomas Jefferson drew up the plans for his country house, "Monticello," and was accounted one of the best gentlemen designers of his age.

Professional architects in those days were as scarce as Egyptologists are to-day. Yet some fairly substantial building was produced, archi-

tecture that we proudly preserve and copy as standard

It was a classical architecture, with none of the excesses of a more flamboyant epoch. It was built to accommodate the demands of generous, well-rounded lives. The men who made those buildings understood them.

THE native consciousness of our Colonial master-builders, their THE native consciousness of our Colonial master-builders, their knowledge of good line, good workmanship and good materials, has rarely been equaled. The lack of this comprehension to-day and the general ignorance of such matters on the part of the general public are responsible for the riff-raff of jerry-built, atrociously designed houses with which the country is flooded.

But there is light on the horizon. We are due for a revival of interest in this subject. It is about time for architecture and building to become a gentleman's hobby again. The building in the next few years must be directed. Architects alone cannot lead popular taste. To make architecture and building a popular hobby, it first must be taken up by leaders of the people, and before the leaders of the people can adequately grasp their leadership they must know their subject.

ESPITE our world reputation for being canny, we American people take a great many things for granted and accept circum-

stances imposed on us without question. We permitted a fanatical minority to impose prohibition, for example, and rather enjoyed seeing the wheels of legislation buzz around -until the situation became actual and we realized, too late, its evil effects. In precisely the same fashion we allow unscrupulous dealers to palm off on us all manner of cheap wares. Only when the roof begins to leak, or the floors to sag, or the plaster crack, or the paint peel off, or the heater fail to heat we dimly realize that something is all wrong. Eventually we grow indignant and vow never again to use those materials.

Therein lies a national weakness that a knowledge of architecture and building would immediately correct. No man should permit a roof on his house unless he knows what goes into that roofing and what its resisting powers are. He should study the walls. He should know why walls need an air space, and should see that they have one. The woodwork in his house should be selected only after he has surveyed the field of woods. He should become acquainted with the various heating systems and select the one best suited for his type of house and

Now it might seem that he hires an architect for this very purpose; consequently, why should the average man bother his head about such affairs? For the simple reason that the architect is not infallible and unless the client has some desires, based on personal knowledge, the architect will be wholly responsible for the house-which leaves a big margin for disappointment. Moreover, it is natural that the man who spends his money for building materials should know what those materials are like. He takes a deep interest in the make of his car and its accessories, the cloth of his clothes, the blend of his tobacco, the efficiency of his office furniture-why not be equally interested in, and have as good a knowledge of, the various materials that go to make the structure which is his house?

Picture the average American man of moderate means buying a car. He assembles all the possible catalogues and studies them. He learns all the points and possibilities of the various makes. When he finds a make that suits his wants, then he buys-but not before. The reverse is the general attitude toward building materials. And yet, just as many catalogues are available and the information is just as simply expressed and explained.

This laissez-faire attitude toward architecture and building is the natural outcome of the sort of lives we have been leading. The great growth in industry has overshadowed interest in the home. We fight to protect business and neglect to protect personal liberties. We cannot plan to build for a full life when we are not living full lives.

HERE has also grown up a specializing habit which makes it somewhat presumptuous for a man to show interest in any other work save his own. Architecture is not considered a hobby suitable for anyone except architects. Some of the specialists have preserved this legend for their own self-defense, and have made a great mystery of their work, when there is no mystery about it at all.

The good architect welcomes the intelligent co-operation of his client. If more architects had it their work would be far simpler. As matters stand to-day, the women of America direct the spending-even in building-and the men foot the bills. The architects have to deal with the women, and the women, in the majority of cases, cannot have the personal interest in building materials that they exercise in the choice of their gowns or the purchase of their foodstuffs. In short, we men have been passing the responsibility up to our wives, and our wives have been pestering the architects, in turn, with all manner of well-intentioned but devastating whims. If you doubt this, ask any architect.

There is still a third reason for men hesitating to take up architecture

and building as a practicing hobby. Prices of building materials and the manner of figuring them seem to hold the subject just above the average head and purse. A great many people still nurse the fond dream that a good ten-room house with all modern improvements, built of lasting materials and designed with individuality, can be run up for a mere \$5,000. Plenty of us still think of building in terms of Centennial year prices. When we discover that prices have doubled and tripled in some instances, we lose interest.

RIGHT there is where your knowledge of building materials and architecture comes in. Architecture is one of those cultural subjects that you never lose enthusiasm for once you become interested in it. If you are sufficiently interested in a subject its high prices will never bother you,-you will appreciate value when you see it and will appraise its value to you. Any figures are exorbitant when your interest in them is only casual. If stamps are your hobby you'll pay the price for them. If home-making is your

hobby, your purse strings will unloosen. It is only fair that the average American should know more about architecture and building—fair to the architects, fair to the builders and, above all, fair to himself. He will get better values and more genuine satisfaction. His interest will be sincere and fruitful. He will find that his interest—in the subtle fashion that interest has-can change a house to a home whilst it is building. And of all the satisfaction in the world, none is greater.

Understand building materials and their prices, and you will have the gratification of knowing how your money is spent, how val-ues are returned in brick and slate and floor boards. You will understand your house as you understand your other possessions-in the terms of your monetary effort to get them.

#### PERFUMES

Roses in an old-world garden Fair and far away. Sweet-pea and Syringa walks, Hollyhocks so gay. . .

I never see a soft, green lawn Or scent a full-blown rose, But my heart goes back to England, And a dear, old garden close.

Jasmine gives me Aden back. Incense brings Port Said. Dust and sun, the naked veldt And rifles spitting lead.

Tang of tar wakes in my breast Storm-defying ships; Southern seas in touch of salt To nostrils and to lips.

And though all bring memories One holds a spot apart, Sacred to its loveliness, Cornered in my heart.

Sweet-pea and Syringa walks, Hollyhocks so gay, Roses and an old-world garden Oh, so far away!

-EDMUND LEAMY.

May, 1919



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### A SUNROOM IS A PLEASANT PLACE

Between the green growing things of the garden and the formal furnishings of indoors stands the sourcom. It partakes of the nature of each and is equally congruous with both. As a vestibule to the garden, it has the all frecto touch of colorial fiber regs, reed or willow furniture gaily painted, sheer curtains that filter the light and give an even glow such as the sun's light over the countryside. Flowers and potted plants give hint of what lies beyond. As a vestibule to the house, it has the architectural background and sufficient permanent fixtures so that in winter it can be made a comfortable, pleasant place. These characteristics are found in the sunroom of the George Arests house at Kye, N. F. Lewis Colt Albora, architect



The Coke Family, a mezzotint by Paul van Somer, after the painting by J. Huysman. Van Somer was born in Amsterdam in 1649 and worked in England during the latter part of the 17th Century. This print is the first attempt of any engraver in mezzotint to represent a large group composition

ing, mezzotinting is the best calculated to express a painter-like feeling, especially in the

case of portraits. I do not think anyone since Sir Joshua's time has risen to dispute the as-

sertion. While the mezzotinters of early days

and those contemporary with us did not pro-

duce mezzotint engravings that can be likened

to photographic transcripts of paintings in all the nakedness which the microscopic avidity

of the camera rejoices in, still there can be no

gainsaying the painter-like quality to which

Sir Joshua alluded, and no one could have

been more competent to judge than this great

master, a painter jealously guarding the integrity of art and holding unqualified con-

### MASTERPIECES IN MEZZOTINT

The Story of a Fascinating 18th Century Art That Flourished Through the 19th and Still Attracts Master-Engravers of the 20th

GARDNER TEALL

DURING the last quarter of the 18th Century there developed among the enserves of Great Britain an art which at once seized the cultivated fancy of the day and which received such remarkable appreciation that it has not only left for our delectation the masterpieces of the period of its heyday, but a heritage of inspiration as well that has never permitted it to become relegated in esteem or its practice lost—the art of the mezzotint.

Print-lovers, no matter in what broad fields of collecting their hobbies may chance to browse, are in agreement as to the charm of the mezzotint. Sir Joshua Reynolds was of the opinion that of the various styles of engray-



The earliest known mezzotint, executed



Portrait of Mrs. T. C. Phillips, after the painting by J. Highmore. Engraved in mezzotint by John Faber, Jr., 1748



"Flower and Fruit", a celebrated mezzotint by Richard Earlom, after the painting by J. Van Huysam



"The Siren", engraved with some use of mezzotint by W. E. Tucker for Godey's I ady's Book from the painting by T. G. Middleton



James, Duke of Monmouth, by A. Boolding, the first engraver in mezzotint to take important place as a finished exponent of that art

tempt for all art-shams of every sort. Alfred Whitman once said that fine mezzotints appeal to the least cultivated mind, while to the student and art amateur they are a never-ending source of fascination and delight. This was one way of saying that the appeal of the mezzotint is universal. It is true.

Year after year noteworthy examples of the mezzotinter's art have become more and more eagerly sought by acquisitive print-lovers. In consequence mezzotints of extreme perfection are becoming more and more rare. Notwithstanding this fact, many truly beautiful and desirable mezzotints are to be had at prices that place them well within reach of limited purses. As collectors' subjects they are worthy of our time and study.

fairness, one must allow that the very passion for novelty—a trait which Adam brought out of the Garden of Eden with him—which permitted the intrusion of the steel engraving to overshadow the affection that had been lavished upon the mezzotint had, it is true, placed the mezzotint upon its earlier pedestal. However, the years of art's occasional and very deep 19th Century spells of "Dark Ages" found the steel engraving merely usurping the mezzotint,



The Duchess of Ancaster, from a portrait by Thomas Hudson, engraved in mezzotint by J. MacArdell, 1757. MacArdell was born in Dublin. His work was admired by Sir Joshua Reynolds



Cotton Mather, engraved by Peter Pelham in 1727. This is the earliest mezzotint engraved in America. From the collection of Chas. A. Munn, Esq.

which latter was in our own day to regain its throne in the regard of even the average person. I think that American mezzotinters had something to do with this perpetuation of a love for the mezzotint, but of this more anon.

#### Making Mezzotints

Before going further into the matter of the history of the mezzotint let us be sure we know just what sort of an engraving it is, just what are its distinguishing ear-marks. A line engraving and an etching are both produced from a metal plate on which the design is incised, the plate being inked and so wiped that the face of the plate becomes clean, while sufficient ink remains in the incised lines to produce the design when submitted to the pressure of a press in contact

with a sheet of paper. With lineengraved or with etched plates any ink, even the lightest film, permitted to remain on the unincised portions of the plate will print tints of varying degrees of darkness according to the amount of ink that has been left on them. However, the incised lines will print darkest of all and will stand forth definitely either from the white ground of a cleanly wiped plate or from the toned ground produced by a lightly wiped plate.

With pure mezzotinting there are no incised lines. Let us quote Lippmann's description of the process for

## Collecting Mezzotints

There is, I think, a certain practical phase of collecting mezzotints that appeals to one who is master of a rooftree of his own. No sort of a print, with the possible exception of the Japanese color - print, lends itself with more satisfactory permanence to wall decoration than do prints of this class.

In the days gone by the mezzotint formed an indispensable and agreeable mural adjunct to the house of every person of culture. I suppose, out of



"Colonel Mordaunt's Cock Fight", from a painting by Johann Zoffany engraved in mezzotint by Richard Earlom, 1742-1822, one of the most versatile mezzotint engravers and one of the first to do subject pieces



rimeter for a coarse grain, and about double the number for a quite fine grain. The rocker is held perpendicularly on the plate; as it is rocked to and fro the teeth are pressed into the copper. This rocking of the plate is done first perpendicularly, then horizontally, and after that in diagonal lines, till the complete surface is evenly roughened. A well-rocked plate, if at this stage it be inked and printed, should impart to the paper an even, deep, velvety black-The plate thus prepared is worked with the mezzotint scraper, a steel instrument shaped like a penknife, with which all those places intended to remain light in the print are scraped smooth. The places from which the burr or roughness is completely removed give the highest lights; those left untouched produce the deepest shadows: while intermediary tones are obtained by a greater or less degree of scraping. Mezzotint, in its procedure, is quite opposite to line engraving: the mezzotinter works from dark to light, the engraver [and the



GEORGE WASHINGTON SEE

Portrait of Jonathan Belcher, governor of Massachusetts, 1681-1757. An early mezzotint of great interest. From the Munn Collection

sake of convenience and by reason of its clarity: "The plate of a mezzotint," says he, "before the engraver's work begins, must have its whole surface roughened or rocked. This is done by means of a rocker, a steel instrument ending in a curved edge and fastened in a strong handle. The edge is extremely fine, with sharp teeth. The engraver uses a rocker with teeth set wide or close, in accordance as he wishes his roughened surface to be coarse or fine, with a coarse or fine grain. The tool has about fifty teeth to each inch of its pe-



The earliest engraved portrait of Washington, probably done by C. W. Peale in 1778. From the collection of Charles A. Munn, Esq.

etcher] from light to dark."

Passing on to the actual printing, Lippmann says:

"The process of mezzotint is entirely without lines, and depends on the flat tones of light and shade melting softly into onanother. A mezzotint plate is printed in exactly the same was as a line engraving. If an impression from a mezzotint plate be closely examined, the marks of the rocker can be clearly distinguished, especially in the halftones, as chisel-shaped cuts, forming an appearance of crosses."

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"The Pet", engraved in mezzotint for Peterson's Magazine by John Sartain from the painting by Landseer



The Duke of Bedford, after the painting by Sir Joshua Reynolds, engraved in 1778 by Valentine Green



# MY FRIENDS THE BUILTMORES

A Recountal Which, Despite the Pictures, Is a Serious Exposition of the Building Cost Problem

GEORGE S. CHAPPELL

M Y friends the Builtmores are building again!

There's news for you. Imagine it, at this time! I say y "a gain" when I should say "still", for they are always at it. But y ou probably know them; she was Sally Post, a sister of Newell Post, the architect, and since she reserted Luck Builtroe

married Jack Builtmore, who has been so successful, life has been just one house after

another

Of course they began modestly—Jack was just getting started—and all they needed was a little two bath-power cottage, which they built out in Englewood, way back in the days when there were general house-workers! Sally said they had to employ Newell to keep peace in the family, as if there were any surer way of turning old home-week into a shambles.

In January, after the cottage was finished, which was three months later than Newell had said it would be, Jack lured his architect out into the great Jersey silences and put him in the northeast guest room. It was a tiny room, so small that the heating contractor hadn't even seen it on the plans, and the only place for the bed was on an outside wall with the head next to one window and the foot—or feet, if you were in it—near the other. All the rest of the wall space was composed of doors. Sally said that it always reminded her of the stage-setting for a Palais Roval farce.

WELL, before Newell was ushered up to this grotto they sat downstairs before the living room fireplace, which drew backwards right into their faces. Jack and Sally sat there as if they liked being smoked, until poor Newell couldn't stand it any longer and insisted on putting the fire out, after which he craned his head into what he called the throat or breast or neck or something—anyway, he finally pulled out—what do you suppose? A pair of overalls! Sally said he looked so funny, with tears plowing through the grime on his cheeks and a look of magnificent triumph on his face, that she and Jack simply sat down and cried, and Jack made a hideous joke about not supposing that that was the kind of soot that came in a chimney. Then they relighted the fire and, my dear, it smoked worse than ever! When Jack suggested stuffing the overalls back



Newell said it was time for bed. Jack told him to be sure to ring if the hot water wouldn't run in the morning. Needless to say, the pipes were already frozen and there was no bell in the room.

But that was years ago and they have all gotten bravely over the incident. Newell

has kept on practicing and Jack and Sally have kept on building—quite independently, of course—and they can even refer laughingly to the head-room on the back stairs and things of that sort.

And now, as I say, they are at it again. The war held them up for a while, but the day



after the armistice was signed Jack wired Sally to meet him in town and they went into immediate executive session with Jack's latest architect, a Mr. Naylor, with whom he had been thrown in close contact during his work in Washington.

This Mr. Naylor is really a curiosity. It seems he thinks about the cost of things. He

appears to be a rather for-bidding person, but Jack is most enthusiastic over him and says that the cost of all that goes to make up a house is so tremendous, the bricks and putty and so on, that one simply must have a practical architect nowadays. He says that if the war



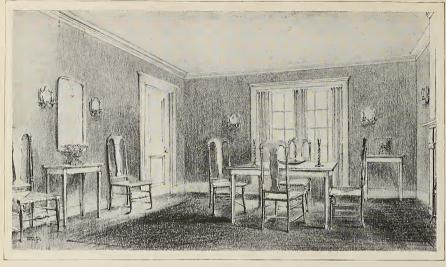
hasn't made architects practical it is good-bye to them. Well, Mr. Naylor is certainly all that. You know a great many architects make me think of the color pink. They have pink beards or pink dispositions—temperaments, I think they are called. Jack's last before Mr. Naylor was a Mr. Sweet. He almost fainted at the mere mention of figures. He said he preferred to get what he called an "upset price" beyond which the costs couldn't go. So they finally let him have his way and the figure that was handed in certainly upset everybody. I will say, though, that it is hard to see how the cost could nossibly have gone bevond it.

MR. NAYLOR, instead of pink, suggests blue—the blue of a steel knife or of a man who has to shave twice a day. His mouth goes straight across and his favorite expression is, "Now, let's get down to brass tacks," He looks as if he might eat them for breakfast. Jack says that in the Housing Department at Washington Mr. Naylor used to sleep with nothing over him but a cost-sheet and that he knows more about future building prices than anyone else in the world. So that when he speaks everybody listens. We had such an absurd dinnerparty at Sally's last week. Right in the midst of the usual chatter about plays and persons and such things Mr. Naylor calmly started a lecture. He was sitting next to that pretty little Mrs. Tibbets, who had just made Remark 206 from the Conversational Manual-"O yes! I have always said that if I were a man I should have been an architect"-and that started him off, and the first thing we knew we were all listening to what's what in the building world and really enjoying it.

As nearly as I can remember, Mr. Naylor said that the average cost of construction today, covering a lot of absurd places, was about twenty per cent above that of three years ago. Making allowance for the extravagance of emergency work and considering the number of men returning, the thought that at least half

of that would be climinated in the next six months, leaving the net price ten per cent above normal. "But what of that?" he asked us. "People must have houses. They are going to have houses, and those who start operations

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In the first year it is just a breakfast room. The general color scheme for walls and woodwork is soft gray. Paper or paint is used for the walls gray paint for the furniture. The shields of the lighting fastures also are pointed and decorated in gray and green. The expenditure is \$0.14

## THE THIRD YEAR DINING ROOM

Developing a Full-grown Room from Simple Breakfast Room Beginnings— Budgets and Other Details from Year to Year

#### MRS. GERRIT SMITH

CREATING this dining room is like watching a child grow from babyhood into a full-fledged man. It starts in life as a breakfast room, a room of painted furniture and simple hangings. Then in the second year, it creeps into more formal fitments. In the third year it is finally completed as a Duncan Phyfe dining room.

When you have finished this pleasant labor of three years, you have a breakfast room out on the porch or in a sunny corner of the house, and a dining room fully furnished in a dignified fashion. Thereby two rooms are made at the same time.

Remember that in designing this room which grows up we are not making the cheapest possible room. Nobody wants to have the cheapest possible room in her house. We are creating the best sort of room that money can buy, a permanent room in a permanent home, one of which you will be justly proud.

And now to get down to the details of this breakfast room that grew up.

#### In the First Year

The general color scheme for the first year woodwork and walls is a soft gray. This can be either paint or paper. The walls may be covered with canvas and then painted, or papered with a very small repeat design or a light Colonial stripe. But the tone must be soft gray, for the room will be filled with sunlight the greater part of the day. Besides, gray is a pleasant color against which to silhouette furniture and the pretty gowns of guests. In the soft light of candles it takes

on a pleasing mystery.

As this is a breakfast room the furniture can be painted. A pleasing choice would be a darker gray than the walls. We are not seeking any striking contrasts. When the furniture is removed to the breakfast nook or the porch it may be repainted. But here it is gray. The necessary pieces will be table, six chairs—or you may limit the number to four if the family is small—two console tables to be used for serving and a mirror over one of the consoles.

Six lighting fixtures—side fixtures—are estimated for this room. In many cases only four will be needed. They are shield shaped, with a back plate which is painted gray green and decorated, and electric candles. The delicacy of their lines will silhouette gracefully against their soft gray backgrounds.

For curtains we use an orange silk. It has a little design that gives it almost the appearance of a heavy pongee. The color is a rich orange that will filter the morning light into a warm glow. These curtains are unlined and made without valance. They hang, as you see in the illustration, on rods set into

the window frame. There is a reason for this, which you will see in a moment,

The foundation of the room is a gunmetal rug, 9' by 12', made of carpeting. This gives a firm and sound footing to the soft gray walls and the gray painted furniture. It is a good carpet and is planned to last for many years. You will find it in all three stages of the room. Therefore, once this carpet is purchased, the problem of floor covering is solved.

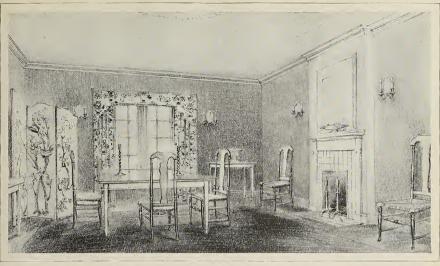
#### Needed Accessories

There are a number of accessories to go into the room the first year. Perhaps you may think that accessories are a needless luxury. Perhaps they are, but a room without them has a peculiarly unfinished and naked appearance. In the first year we figure on a bowl for the center table, two fruit baskets of black and gold for the consoles, two twisted brass candlesticks and a pair of andirons for the fireplace.

The expenditures this first year amount to \$614.80 and are divided as follows:

| 1 table                                | \$75.00 |
|--|---------|
| 6 chairs @ \$18.00                     | 106.00  |
| 2 console tables @ \$39.50             | 79.00   |
| 1 mirror over console                  | 50.00   |
| 2 fruit baskets @ \$22.00              | 44.00   |
| 1 rug 9' x 12', 12 yds. @ \$4.50 a yd  | 54.00   |
| 6 lighting fixtures @ \$27.00          |         |
| Orange curtains, 8 yds., @ \$2.10 a yd | 16.80   |
| 1 bowl for center table                | 4.00    |
|  |         |

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The second year is the transition period, the period of decorative adolescence, as it were. A screen in soft green and orange is added, as are chints over-curtains and valance. The mantle, too, is finished with a mirror and large bowl. The outlay his year is \$205

A close-up of the first-year fixtures. Gray painted shield with decoration and electric candles. \$27 each

| brass candlesticks @ pair andirons |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|
|                                    | \$614.80 |

#### The Second Year

In the second year the room is in a transition stage, a sort of decorative adolescence. It is still the breakfast room, but we have added some pieces which foreshadow the permanent furnishings to come.

The biggest expenditure is for a screen that fold, painted and glazed with a soft green background and darker green foliage and orange flowers. A screen of this type gives immediate character to the room. It lends privacy to the diners and gives a necessary finish to that corner.

Two other parts of the room are finished now—the mantel and the curtains.

now—the mantel and the curtains. The orange silk curtains of last year become under-curtains. This was the purpose in putting them on rods fastend to the inner window trim. Now over-curtains are added and a valance. The fabric is chintz with a gray ground to tone in with the walls and wood-work, and a design in gray, green and orange. The orange of this pattern tones in with the orange of the under-curtains, affording a note of harmony. While these curtains represent an outlay, the expenditure is necessary for the completion of the room. They will have to be



Chintz with a gray ground and design in gray, green and orange makes the second year over-curtains

lined, which will make them permanent and better wearing.

The other corner we are completing this second year is the mantel. The natural finish for it is a mirror, which occupies the entire overmantel and adds to the apparent size of the room by its reflections. It is 42" wide by 36" high, framed on the wall by a narrow molding.

One little accessory comes in this year, too a pottery vase for the mantel shelf. Visualize this mantel without it and then with, and you will see that the expenditure is justified.

We have spent in this second year the sum of \$205.45. Not a huge sum, seeing that we

These side fixtures will be replaced in the third year with others, as shown on the following page



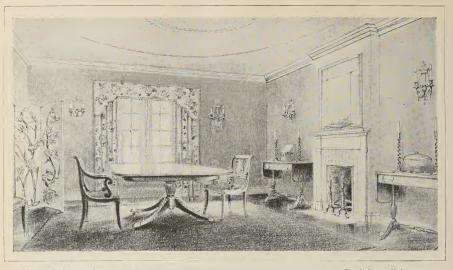
are furnishing two rooms at once. And considering the fact that the second year of maricel life is always expensive these few items should not prove too much a burden for the purse. This \$205.45 has been spent after the following fashion:

| screen  | \$90.00  |
|---|----------|
| over curtains, 7 vds. 50" linen @ \$7.50 a yd | 52.50    |
| ining, 7 yds. @ \$0.85 a yd                   | 5.95     |
| hese can be made and hung, including all      |          |
| rods and fixtures, per pair                   | 25.00    |
| large bowl on mantelpiece                     | 10.00    |
| mirror over mantelpiece                       | 22.00    |
|   |          |
|   | \$205.45 |

#### The Third Year

Coming to the third year we begin to do some moving. Remember, we have built up this room with the view to furnishing a break-fast room at the same time, the breakfast room turniture doing dining room service for two years. Now it can be moved out to the enclosed porch or the corner chosen for it. If the paint looks a bit worn, it can easily be refreshed, and the man of the house, if you get him in the proper mood, will really enjoy painting over these pieces. Make him understand that it is his house—well, you know how to handle him!

And having moved out the painted set, we move in a Duncan Phyfe set consisting of a table, side chairs, arm chairs and two consoles.



The completed room shows Duncan Physe furniture in place of the painted pieces, which now go to the enclosed porch

One of the side chairs is shown in illustration, and the delicacy of its detail can be appreciated.

Let me say a word in favor of Duncan Phyfe designs. As you know, he was an American whose designs showed strongly the influence of the Empire. He was, in fact, the founder of what is called American Empire. In its later days this style became very heavy and crude, but in the beginning Phyfe showed all the delicacy of contour and decoration that characterized the best French work. At the present moment Empire designs are very much the vogue. In order to use our own



The third-year table is a reproduction, of course, but a good one. American Empire style.

It is priced at \$258

American productions, I have chosen a Phyfe set, made after his own designs. A reproduction, to be sure, but a good reproduction is not to be scorned.

The consoles are set on either side the fireplace. Their ends let down so that they really occupy very little space. On them we have placed sets of the twisted candlesticks. As we already bought one set the first year, we have to purchase only one more set now.

To accompany the dignity of the new furniture we have treated ourselves to new side lights. They

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Crystal drops and delicate lines characterize the fixtures. \$42



The side chairs are uniform with the rest of the set. S60 each



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## "THE DOLL'S HOUSE"

The RESIDENCE of MRS. JAMES A. WRIGHT

BEDFORD HILLS, 5.

A Fascinating Example of Reconstruction

The back of the little house is here shown valually climbing up-hall It is only 20 by 40 by the little with the little was a second-clearly little with the little was a second-clearly little was been as the company of which there are two There is a good sized living room, dring room, three bedrooms, kitchen and maid's room, all furnished on a scale to suit exactly its multi proportions.



# THE MUSIC ROOM and THE MUSICAL HOUSE.

Which Shows that the Music Room Is the Heart of the House— How to Furnish and Arrange It

#### CHARLES D. ISAACSON

FOR a long time after I saw Maude Adams in "A Kiss for Cinderella" I dwelt on the fantastic mind of Barrie, and ideas for stories, plays, essays in the style of the great Scotish dramatist filled my imagination. One of these ideas: If I were Barrie I should like to make a play in which the acts should represent the three aspects of a human being—his heart, brain, and physical side. The first act would be in the physical room of my hero's house, the second would be in his brain chamber, and the third would be in his brain chamber, and the third would be in his heart room.

#### The Heart of the House

Which rooms would be used? The physical—would it be the dining room or the bedroom? The mental—would it be the library or the sitting room? The heart—that I would arrange for the music room.

For a man's house is the veritable counterpart of himself. He is all represented, every phase of him, his culture, his affectations, his sincerity, his blatancy, his sentiment, his cold reserve.

Some day, no doubt, I will be introduced to a house where there is no music room. It will be a strange place and a psychological study of importance. Without looking upon the inhabitants I would write you a description of them, —dried up, cold, clammy, despicable, crafty. A music room is called by many names and many substitutes are used in place of the thoroughbred. The music room may be a corner of the parlor or sitting room. But the presence of the gems in any form is a hopeful sign.

But I want to chat with you of the real music room, the all-to-itself, independent, self-asserting, individualized music room. It has a personality. It is warm in its coloring and lighting. It is a happy room. I have no liking for the cold, grayish, highly etherealized musical atmospheres, sanctus puribus! Whether in great concert hall or little private music room, the same principle applies. Carnegie Hall is a great barn in appearance. Until the place is filled with people, I figuratively shiver. In Eolian Hall, on the other hand, there is a warmth and cheer in the coloring of old rose, blue and gold, which reflects itself not only in the audience, but in the players. Great music can surmount any difficulties, but why make difficulties?

#### The Need for Space

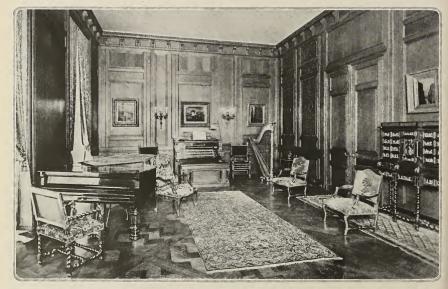
There need be but little in the music room. Space, the feeling of freedom, must be apparent. One of the loveliest examples of good taste was a large chamber, high ceiling, decorated in simple cream-colored paper, with bare dull flooring. A solitary piano and chair stood

on display,—solitary with the majesty of a conquering monarch. It was a large grand piano, than which there is no finer specimen of furniture for grace, magnificence, sumptuousness. A grand piano has the sweep of an empress' train. Its very presence connotes culture. It transforms its surroundings into something palatial. Just as Sir Henry Irving or Booth made any movement on the stage something magnificent, so the grand piano gives an incomparable splendor.

In the room I mentioned, the grand piano reclined in Greek gracefulness—its top open, the chair at a slight angle, as if a master had just arisen from it. The composition was recellent. The instrument was placed with fine balance. It stood in the open—not cramped into a corner or crushed against a wall.

#### Placing the Piano

Here is how to place the grand piano in your music room. Mentally find the centre of the floor space. Looking into the room, have the keyboard facing you, but at about forty-five degrees to the wall. Thus if the door enters along the right-hand wall, the right corner of the keyboard would be slightly pointed to you. The piano itself should be set slightly back from the centre of the room and a little toward the left wall. The thought is to give



Space, the feeling of freedom, should be apparent in the music room. Its fittings in the ideal should include the organ, the grand piano and a harp—that most graceful of instruments. A cabinet for the music is an essential. Courtesy of the Estey Organ Company

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A music room o great dignity is in the New York abartment of Mrs. Robert G. Reese. Instruments and antiques are mingled

the longest possible approach between the door and the keyboard, while holding to the theory that you do not want to crowd the instrument. Of course, you never want carpet or rugs under the piano-that dulls the tone. It is well to set the casters in glass cups. Such an arrangement looks well and gives clarity to the vibrations. With the grand pi-

ano you have a wider scope for arrangement. It is a far more beautiful piece of furniture than an upright. Of

course, it has always been argued that an upright takes up less room, and when space was an important factor the grand had to be passed by. In the attempt to give the lines of a grand to a small space instrument, enterprising pianoforte makers have evolved miniature grands which most surely measure up to grace and utility. Thus, even in the smaller rooms, the effect of a grand can be utilized.

#### The Upright Piano

Now it is not my intention to indicate that an upright cannot be used in a beautiful way. Only the opportunities are fewer. The upright must never be left in the open space, or placed at an angle to the wall. Instead, the simplicity of straight-line composition must be followed. The upright should always be parallel to the wall, and not more than two inches from it. Of course, you have the whole of four walls to choose for the site of your instrument. The best arrangement is to put it in the absolutely dead centre of the left wall (if the door is on the right, or vice versa). In this connection it should be considered that external decorations can help the upright.

Before passing from the piano to other ideas



If the house does not provide a special music room a corner of the library can be used, as in the residence of F. F. Palmer, Esq.

of the music room, I cannot refrain from paying a tribute to the square piano. Most of these old instruments were destroyed by being deliberately burned up in colossal bonfires. There is a quaintness and picturesqueness about the square which the more musical upright completely lacks. For the antiquarian a square piano in the music room makes a fine possession, and any square piano can be bought for

the price of carting!

Though the piano is the natural beginning of all music rooms, it must not be thought that it is the all-in-all. Of course, the piano is the standard instrument-it is most commonly played, it is the accompanying instrument for all others. But the others so help to make the music room truly live up to the name. A harp is a beautiful art product. Two or three violins in their leather cases of different textures and colors and shapes huddled together right in the corner-the furthermost corner from the entrance. A fine carved music-rack standing sentinel over these. Some music open at the piano or on the rack.

These little things give life to the musicroom. For if this is the heart of the home, see that it be not a dead heart.

The other end of the Reese music room shows the fine Georgian fireplace with its music cabinet to one side and comfortable chairs

It always amuses me to enter the library of a house, observing the richly bound sets of books aligned on the shelves-to pick down a volume and find that it is stiff and uncut. Are books for decoration? Yesand they are good decorations, too. But that's only their smallest use.

Of what value is the music-room if it is only another place for furniture? It is in here that your soul must bloom. That dead piano - it cries for utterance.

yearns to sing its song unto your heart. It has a message for you. "Come, open your being and let this music soothe your woes and start the fountains of sentiment flowing again. Oh, old men and women, in this room will return all the memories of your sweet youth. Oh, young men and women, in this room the finest ideals will be born."

#### Music for Your Soul's Sake

If the music room is alive, how different the whole house. A living music room is the smile on the house. This is the real living room.

You cannot play? Then your children are learning. They are not yet able to open the treasure house of harmony for you?

The way is very easy, nevertheless. You employ a cook for your stomach. Why not a musician for your soul? I am hopeful that the day will come when the families of America will consider their retinue not complete until they have a musician or set of musicians in their homes. If not for all time, for certain days a week. Think of the as-sistance this would be to the young students and musicians. A chance to live and (Continued on page 60)



# THE CHIMNEY AS AN ARCHITECTURAL FACTOR

Its Rôle and Construction in Houses

Down the Centuries

#### H. D. EBERLEIN

As the points of lightning rods attract the Being emphatic points of projection that invite and focus notice, they are necessarily telling factors in the general architectural aspect. Apart from their purely utilitarian physical office, they have a two-fold function to perform—they give balance to the composition and they supply a feature of interest in themselves.

#### Post-War Architecture

After a great war or any other profound political and economic disturbance there is always, and always has been, a marked impetus to fresh architectural manifestations. To look no farther back than our own civil war, there was wrought directly afterwards a marvelous transformation in the architectural aspect of the country. Condemn its character, as we now may by the aid of more enlightened architectural standards, we cannot escape the convincing evidences presented by this postbellum phase of architectural expression. In like manner we may confidently expect an analogous access of building activity in the near future to follow in the wake of the recent world-wide hostilities. And we may also rea-sonably expect that, along with this building activity, there will be an appreciable infusion of fresh style phenomena. All the more so, indeed, because so many of our citizens have returned, or are returning, from overseas with either a newly awakened or with a quickened appreciation of the sundry architectural ex-



The buttressed chinney gives an air of solidity to the wall. In this home of the Pickering Hunt, Phoenixville, Pa., part of the buttress is shingled and the chinney face broken with a wrought iron monogram. Mellor & Meigs, architects

pressions they have seen during their terms of foreign service.

To guard against the varied injection of mere caprice into our future domestic architecture, and the resulting anomalies to which such a course would give rise, we must view the whole question in a rational and sanely constructive manner. We must consider architectural expression not only in the aggregate, but with reference to individual factors and with due recognition of the fact that it is the quality of the individual items that will inevitably impart the character to the whole composition. There is no single exterior feature of the house that

will go further toward making or marring the ensemble than the chimney. The chimney cannot be treated as a neutral element; there is no such thing as chimney neutrality, any more than there is such a thing as real mental neutrality for any creature outside of a jelly-fish or a polyp. A chimney is either good or bad, of course in varying degree. If it is good, it is a distinct asset and helps the house. If it lacks character, or is even more pronouncedly objectionable, it is an architectural liability and negatives the effect of other better features.

#### Chimney Points and History

The points to be chiefly considered are: Position or placement; Scale and design:

Contour and decoration.

All of them are more or less intimately interrelated. For climatic reasons the chimney is a far more important feature in northern architecture—that is, in English and French, and, of course, American—than in southern, to wit, Italian or Spanish.

By reviewing briefly the history of the chimney we shall get an insight into its architectural significance and grasp the rationale of logical chimney design. In Norman and Gothic England the chimney, as we know it, was not a conspicuous factor in the structural aspect. As a matter of fact, it was mostly non-existent. The fire was commonly built on an open hearth in the middle of the hall and the smoke was allowed to find its way out through the opentimbered roof by chance openings or through a hole directly overhead. To keep out the rain and snow a raised cover with openings at the sides was set over the hole. This smoke-hole cover very soon took shape as a lantern. femerell or louver (the word is derived from the French l'ouvert, the open place) and assumed a recognized position as an architectural and decorative feature. The Gothic principle of "decorating structure" was freely applied and the femerells or louvers were often objects of much architectural interest. The openings for smoke were either narrow vertical slits or else were closed with horizontal louver boards or slats set aslant so as to permit free passage (Continued on page 64)



In formal types of architecture a balanced disposition of the chimneys lends great dignity to a residence. In this English country house, designed by A. Winter Rose, architect, one of the garden side chimneys has a vertical sundial

# FURNISHING YOUR SUMMER HOME

Suggestions for the Use of Wicker and Cane—How to Revamp Old Pieces and Combine Them With the New—Cool Color Schemes

GERTRUDE CAMPBELL

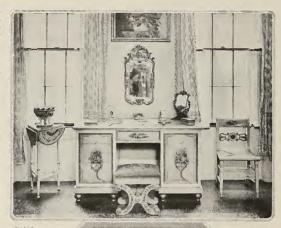
WHILE there may have been no startling revolution in the furnishing of summer homes, yet each year produces some important changes. We constantly come upon odd ideas or old ones transformed to meet modern requirements. These new products, intermingled with the other furnishings give the room a smart, crisp, freshappearance. To furnish a summer home successfully we need no technical knowledge of styles. An eye for color and some ingenuity in the selection and arrange-ment of new and old pieces suffice. It is enough to remember that the summer home should be informal, full of color and furnished comfortably but sparsely so that it has a cool atmosphere.

We are all perfectly conscious that there is too much mediocre furniture on the market, but it is also a well acknowl-

edged fact that there are a large number of really artistic pieces that can be discovered by careful search. In selecting we must use great care to purchase furnishings that will produce light dainty effects, that will give a simple, cheery touch. For color schemes, what could be more delightful than to study nature's floral procession, as viewed in your garden, and from it work out combinations in which the principal colors are blended!

#### Cane and Wicker

Cane, wicker and painted furniture are all suitable for summer homes, although occasionally we find in the more pretentious houses, both Jacobean oak and French wal-



Green, red and pink are the colors used in this painted bedroom set

An old sideboard, painted white and blue, to match cottage china

nut. Willow, cane and reed are always in good taste, and have the advantage of being purchasable in a great variety of colors, styles and prices. They are light and easy to handle, and can be freshened when soiled by the use of paint or scrubbing brush. The revival of cane for bedrooms is welcome.

With this there are many fabrics suitable for spreads and cushions, such as linen, casement cloth, and silk, all of which lend themselves to decorative effects. Then, of course, there are the covers and curtains of filet, and embroidered inset squares. Often delightful canopy effects are produced by using the same material as in the overdrapery of the windows. The cushions should be of flowered chintz or cretonne, in white ground work or floral designs that are most effective as they are always cool looking and inviting,

and can be selected to harmonize with the color scheme as worked out in both walls and draperies.

#### Painted Furniture

Painted furniture is especially fitted to the duced by the right use of colors, using dainty cushions, choosing the newer shades of apple green, pale mauve, and striped green and blue. This makes us understand all the more readily the beauty of the furniture, which has been designed by the craftsman, and painted by the artist in colors pleasing to the eye.

Painted furniture is especially adaptable for any part of the summer home, from living room to bedroom, on account of its lightness



A sewing group can be composed of a little half-table painted gray with chairs and tray to match

Rush bottom cottage chairs are a useful and economical furnishing for the summer dining room



and cheerful coloring. Many pieces can be purchased at the manufacturers, and painted at combinations can be worked out with a little natience and care. Needless to say, the brass bed has been relegated to the attic. The charming white enamel or French gray painted pieces that replace them are very inexpensive, yet give a dainty touch, and are particularly attractive for summer furnishings. Their designs are generally excellent, and the price can be modified to meet the size of the purse.

It is also possible to purchase pine pieces, which are much cheaper. and tone in with any color that we desire. This in reality is but going back to our grandmother's day, when painted furniture was in vogue. Many sets that have been tucked away in the attic are being used in our homes to-day, some in

their original dress, and others repainted to meet the color scheme of the modern room. It is always preferable to choose a plain background, as it brings into relief the painting of fruit or flowers that forms the decoration. The Amish pieces, found in the northern

part of Indiana and belonging to a religious sect of that name, are particularly adaptable for summer usage, and can be reproduced from the original very easily. Their favorite color is cerulean blue, which is so popular to-day, not alone for draperies,

but furniture as well.

Cool Schemes

An interesting cool color combination is produced by painting the walls a pale sage green with a flat finish, the woodwork ivory with an egg shell finish, using a green painted border for the floor. The art square should be a shade darker than the walls, and the hangings and valance panels of cretonne or chintz, showing bright garden flowers and foliage scattered over a clean ground. The furniture used here should be of a white enamel, decorated with lines of green and little bunches of flowers. Painted furniture is effective for such a room as this, An attractive corner arrangement can be made by using a cream tea table, with flower decoration in pink, green and blue; the stand can be worked out in the



sun porch

same color tone, while an Italian figurehead can be painted on the backs of the rush bottomed chairs to give variety to the decoration.

#### Sideboards and Cupboards

It is sometimes a problem as to what to choose for a sideboard for your summer home. A delightful effect can be produced by painting an old one in ivory and decorating with green and yellow flowers. By painting the interior of the glassed-in closet with bright green or cerulean blue or Chinese vermillion, the tones of your china will be brought out to better advantage. A side table can be made of the same coloring, with lines of brown, and a bit of the brilliant colors can be used for ornamentation on the chairs. One of your old trays, redecorated, can be used as a background.

Corner cupboards are always effective in a dining room, and are convenient as well as attractive. While they are generally painted white, to make them more in keeping with the color tone used for decorative effects, they can be finished with a background in harmony with the color scheme, and decorated with either fruit or flower design, This same effect can be carried out in the chairs and consoles, saving them from becoming commonplace and tiresome.

For the chamber, an old-fashioned bedstead can take on new life, through the use of black

paint, with gold decorations, and painting a basket of fruit on foot and head boards and on each drawer of the bureau.

#### The Curtains

White muslin or net curtains are dainty and effective for window curtains, as is cheesecloth, woven in creamy white. They all launder beautifully, and help to carry out the note of simplicity which is so essential in summer furnishings.

As we look for the interesting and unusual, something that is not confused or freaky, we appreciate well planned summer homes, that show not only an expression of good taste, but individuality. For dignity and beauty can be expressed, even in the placing of a good chair against a curtained fabric, charmingly figured in colors, to make an harmonious setting in a room.

In a more pretentious bedroom of the summer house, the beds can be carved oak with floral decorations in polychrome, as in this summer guest room. F. Patterson Smith, architect

# THE FRAMING OF YOUR BOOKS

What Rooms Books Should Go In-A Variety of Cases and Queer Corners for Your Friends in Binding

M. H. BRIDGES

COLLECTING in these days is so fatally easy that one has a large library before he is aware of it, and naturally his first thought is, where to place the books and how to make variety so that there will not be the eternal sameness of plain shelves around the room,

While it is a decided advantage to have our bookshelves planned by the architect, and built in when the house is constructed, circumstances necessitate many of us living in an apartment or rented house, and we are obliged to consider a less permanent arrangement. To be sure, we can go to a store and purchase so many feet of bookcases, and spend as much money as we desire, but the result is that it neither fits the space for which it was intended. the size of the volumes, or fits consistently in with the scheme of the room.

The bookcase proper was developed from the movable chests, used by the feudal lords, to transport their belongings in. This served originally as a seat, but was eventually used for books, one chest being placed over the

other, and in that way forming a case. In the late 17th and early 18th Century we find records of its use as house furniture

#### Simplest Forms

The very cheapest and simplest form of homemade bookshelves consists of a number of boxes. piled one above the other, until the de-sired height is attained, or proper space acquired. This is especially advantageous to the flat dweller. When his next moving day comes he has only to turn the case over, nail the top over with old boards, and he not only has his books packed, but also all arranged when they reach their new home. Many a college boy has taken advantage of this fact, and used it successfully, during his collegiate course.

In every well appointed house, there should be a place set apart in every room, with the exception of the dining room, for books. This means we must plan individual bookcases of various sizes, suited to our use, where they will serve the double purpose of practicability and decorative scheme.

#### The Shelving

There is no question but that the library is the ideal place for bookcases, and that the walls, with the exception of windows, window seats and the ever necessary fireplace, should be lined with shelves, finished in a kind of wood that matches or harmonizes with the furniture. The shelves need not extend to the ceiling; in fact, it is far better that they go no higher than you can reach, as they are apt to be covered with dust, if they are too high up to get at conveniently. It is equally a mistake to have the shelves start too near the floor line, and there should always be left a 6" base, so that the dust of the sweeper or vacuum cleaner will not settle on your shelving. But there is a better scheme than this which is scarcely ever used, and that is having a series of low cup-boards, with solid panel doors, that open out from hinged bottoms, and held by chains at convenient angles. If we start with a base of cupboards, providing a few sections on top of shelves, we shall probably have sufficient room for our present library.

There is an air of inviting friendliness connected with an open bookcase that a closed one does not have. An open shelf filled with books seems to be put there for use. But there are rare treasures and dainty bindings that need to be protected from the dust, and so have to be hidden behind glass doors. Sliding doors are much more convenient than the hinged

ones, and are practically no more expensive, or difficult to install. The simplest way of arranging them is in two parallel tracks, the doors traveling on two countersunk ball rollers, in a metal channel.

#### Framing to Fit

The framing may be simple, yet an effect of dignity and charm can be obtained by dividing the space into panels with flat bands of wood. It is interesting here to study the Japanese methods of panel division and



The acme of luxury is a library paneled in English oak with inset bookshelves and a plentitude of easy chairs. The library of Mr. Henry C. Perkins, Hamilton, Mass.

On either side the fireplace bookshelves can be built in, as in this reading corner, of which Chamberlain Dodds was the decorator

The stone fireplace and vari-colored bindings give this li-brary corner character. From the home of E. S. Atwood, Esq., East Gloucester, Mass.



introduce them into our own. These various shaped spaces are very useful for the placing of books of various sizes in series, but it is only natural that the heavier ones should be placed at the bottom, the shelves diminishing in height as they ascend.

In a whole wall of books it is more effective if the horizontal lines are frequently broken, making it a definite break, and not a variation of an inch or two, but making two spaces the height of three.

There is—or was until quite recently—in the President's office at the White House a scheme for protecting books in open shelves that was evidently taken from the houses in England, which is still in fashion in some of the large Elizabethan manors. It consists of a strip of pinked leather, which is fastened along the front edge of the shelves with upholstery nails, being two or three inches

deep. This makes an edge wide enough to come over the top of the volumes, yet does not interfere with the withdrawal of the books, and prevents the dust from collecting on them. In using this method it is essential that the shelves be nearly the same height.

#### Various Suggestions

In planning a built-in bookcase it is a good idea to make the lower section a little wider than the other shelves. This makes not only a convenient resting place for your books, when looking them over for references but



If one is so fortunate as to possess a fine old book cabinet, such as this Chippendale antique, the books will be housed with proper dignity

also gives additional space for large volumes. There are many ingenious ways of building these cases in old houses. In numerous 17th Century houses, closets were built in either end of the fireplace, and can be utilized admirably for this purpose. Simply remove the doors, and line with shelves, fit flush with the inner molding of the doorway, and stain to match the furnishings in the room.

In other old houses that were built when shutters were in style, and which have windowseats, the wainscot can be cut away, and bookshelves fitted in to come to the height of the window sill. These shelves should then be painted to match the woodwork of the room, and have a polished board on top to match the high mantelpiece.

One way of remedying the sameness in a room is to introduce groups of shelves, giving the effect of pilasters, giving the effect of pilasters, in connection with broader ones. This enriches the wall surface and lends strength, dignity and variety to the planning. It also affords a convenient place for small books, so they can be kept within reach. This whole plan shows a fine feeling for the laws of proportion, and offers many suggestions to us.

#### The Library Essential

The chief object in a book come is to provide a place where students can study, or readers obtain information from books convenient at hand, and yet be protected by a semi-isolation from the rest to the provided of the control of the protection of the control o

of the household. It need not be an elaborate room, but no matter how simple it may be, the very character of the furnishings gives dignity to it. It is very essential that there be plenty to light as walls of books absorb it, and it is preferable that there be only one door. This will save space, and produce a feeling of seclusion, for in these days of strenuous living there is a charm in the atmosphere of the library.

White paint should be avoided in the library, as it effects the restful feeling so necessary to a (Continued on page 68)



A candlestick lamp of wood, painted a dark blue, has a parchment paper shade with an antique cream background and a rose decoration. Height over all, 19°. \$21. This is especially suitable for the bedside table or boudoir

# THE OCCASIONAL LAMP

The Final Touch of Color to a Room

These can be purchased through the House & Garden Shopping Service

Of deep blue porcelain comes a bedside lamp with shade of mauve china silk with narrow fringe of deep blue to match. 19½" high. \$32.50

A wooden urn-shaped cream color base, antiqued with touches ofblue and gold, makes a smart lamp with a shade of parchment paper. 18". \$30





An Italian urn in metal (left) may be painted any color to match the colorings of one's room. Has a parchment paper painted shade banded in color. An appropriate bedside lamp. 16" high over all. \$22.50

# FACTS ABOUT PAINTS, STAINS AND VARNISH

Things You Should Know Before Applying Any of These Mixtures, and Why You Should Know Them

#### F. F. CARTER

OUT of doors painting is best done about mid-spring, and the next best time is early fall. In the spring the air is drier andthe temperature most conducive to good results. In late spring, many flies and other small flying things are likely to stick to the wet paint and mar its surface, so where there is a choice the work should be done before that time.

Paint thickens quickly in cold weather and is apt to crackle with hair lines not long after it is laid on, or will even tend to flake before it is old. Winter painting, therefore, is inadvisable. Paint put on in summer, on the other hand, is often blistered and drawn by the sun's heat before it is thoroughly dry. In autumn, the season remaining to be considered, the air is damper than in spring, paint takes longer to dry, and must often be helped by adding a considerable quantity of drier to the paint mixture.

Before painting anew, burn off the old surface to be painted, wherever the old coat shows blisters, lumps, crackles or roughness, or is at all flaky or loose. Then sandpaper the surface smooth; otherwise the new work had better be left undone.

THE best way to remove old paint indoors is to burn off, scrape and sandpaper the surface quite smooth. For a good piece of work it is absolutely necessary to have a perfectly smooth surface before applying the first coat of new paint. Don't attempt to put on new paint over old if there is any indication of looseness or flaking anywhere on the old surfaces. All such places, at least, must be scraped or burned and sandpapered first. Otherwise the new coat will be blokfoly and likely to flake.

If old paint is removed with any sort of acctone paint remover, instead of by burning and scraping, the surface of the wood must be washed afterwards with some alkaline solution such as washing soda or ammonia in water. Otherwise the paint remover permeates the surface of the wood and is apt to set up some chemical reaction in the new paint which may prove partially disintegrating or produce discoloration.

THREE good coats of paint are necessary coat to dry thoroughly before putting on the next. Two good coats will be sufficient on wood previously painted and whose texture is consequently "filled".

For new wood, the first or priming coat should not be stinted of an ample allowance of white lead which gives body and acts as a filler. Remember that whatever the nature of the first coat, much of it will soak into the wood. For the priming coat on exterior metal surfaces it is advisable to use red lead.

When painting new pine, or other woods in which there is any appreciable residuary sap or resin, shellac the wood before painting. Otherwise the stain from the sap or resin, especially where open grains or pits and knots occur, will eventually show through the paint and produce a brownish stain. A good priming of shellac will prevent this.

In rooms where painting is to be done the air should be perfectly dry and the temperature moderate—neither too warm nor too cold. An absence of dust, too, is obviously desirable.

The ground or priming coat, with a good white lead body, should be laid on thick and well brushed out so that no brush marks nor other inequalities of surface occur to roughen later coats.

To get a good satin finish it is necessary to have a priming coat and three following coats. The second, third and fourth coats, when thoroughly dry, should be rubbed down with powdered pumice stone—not scoured, but rubbed down evenly. Powered pumice moistened with water tends to produce a higher gloss than when moistened with a little boiled linseed oil. When oil is used for this purpose, care must be taken to use very little so that the body of the paint may not be moved by it.

For a good gloss or enamel finish four coats are necessary after the priming coat has been laid. For a thoroughly good piece of work, these last coats, also, should be rubbed down.

Painted floors, to ensure durable and satisfactory results, should be covered with deck paint that has a surface both hard and elastic, or else given a coat of the dull spar varnish, which possesses the same qualities, and can be relied upon to wear.

To clean paint do not scrub nor scour it with soap and water and a brush. The back of the brush will dent and bruise the surface and the scouring will eventually injure and deaden it. Use a soft rag and a weak alkaline solution. The best results will be secured and the surface maintained uninjured by using the following proportions—a tablespoonful of household ammonia to a buckeful of tepid water or a tablespoonful of washing soda to a gallon of tepid

THE only valid excuse for staining exterior woodwork is any coloration that may inevitably attend the application of some kind of preservative. Otherwise the weather will achieve, in a short time, more pleasing and durable results than can be produced by artificial means.

To stain new shingles or clapboards a silver gray to match old weathered shingles or clapboards, dip them in a thick, creamy whitewash solution, let them dry, and then fix them in place. The weather will then very soon remove the excess of line and reduce the new wood to uniform color with the old. The action of the weather may be accelerated by an occasional hosing. This method sounds a bit clumsy but has been employed by able architects with thoroughly satisfactory results where a chemical stain would have produced an ultimate disparity in color.

Spar varnish for outside unpainted woodwork is a thoroughly weatherproof and durable protective covering. This is the varnish used for exterior ship woodwork—hence the name. It has an amber tinge of its own, besides its high polish, which must be taken into account. A similar dull varnish, with the same kind of tough weatherproof body, can be had when desired.

To remove varnishes from wood, apply wood alcohol to the surface and then wipe off or

scrape the loosened varnish. To remove stain apply a solution of oxalic acid or use vinegar. Caustic soda is apt to be too severe and produce burns or excessive bleaching.

Isolated spots or stains on natural wood may be removed by oxalic acid in successive slight applications rather than in one severe application which is apt to result in bleaching too much at one time.

OIL applied to the natural wood emphasizes and brings out the natural contrast and figures of the grain. If the wood is very closegrained, the addition of a little dark powdered pigment to the oil will serve to accentuate the markings.

The best recipe for natural wood—paneling, architectural trim or furniture—that is to have some kind of dressing is the old English dictum bidding us "feed the wood with oil and polish it with wax." This advice, though intended originally for oak, is equally applicable to other woods. Poppy oil was frequently used in England, but linseed oil does quite as well and is more practicable for common use.

On a surface cleaned and free of dust apply raw or unboiled linseed oil thinned with beyzine. The oil alone is too thick and tends to become gummy, the benzine accelerates drying. After twenty-four hours, carefully wipe off every remaining trace of oil or "sweat" with wooler rags or cheesefolth. Then apply the wax, a little at a time, working it into the surface with a stiff brush. Brush first with the grain, then across it. Next apply a little wax at a time on a woolen rag and rub small sections with a circular motion. The wax mixture should be prepared by melting a lump of beeswax of sufficient size in a pint of turpentine over a slow fire. When cool the mixture should be of a thick, creamy consistency. The commercial preparations answer well for this purpose.

Oak waxed only, without previous oiling, shows the pithy portions of the surface dark and the grain light. Oak oiled first and then waxed shows the reverse effect.

To preserve the natural tone of the wood and yet secure a polish, successive coats of white shellac may be applied and rubbed down well with powdered pumice stone. This is virtually the process for producing a "French polish," but need not have an unpleasantly high gloss.

Furned, oiled and waxed, or stained woodwork needs air and light to maintain it in good condition and give it life. So important is this that some of the greatest furniture connoisseurs are most solicitous about ventilation for their collections.

Fuming with ammonia fumes will darken wood and may be made either to change its color somewhat or to produce a premature effect of age; the latter, however, is apt to be to ourlorm to be wholly pleasant. In the case of red oak for floors, fuming is advisable as it produces a uniform agreeable brown tone and penetrates the wood to a greater depth than stain, and hence wears better. The tone can be regulated by the length of time the wood is exposed to the fumes.

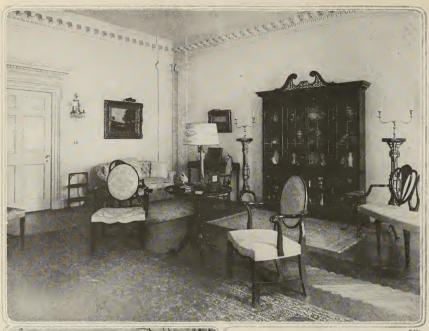


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# A LITTLE PORTFOLIO of GOOD INTERIORS

At eight o'clock in the morning the two consoles are placed together and the table laid for breakfast. An hour later they are as you see them now. The breakfast room becomes a reception room! An

excellent idea for a city house where space is more or less at a premium. From the New York residence of W. C. Durant, Esq. W. & J. Sloane were the decorators



An interesting combination of related periods is found in this morning room in the New York home of R. H. Gallatin. Chippendale chairs and tripds table, Chinece Chippendale chairs and tripds table, Chinece Chippendale chairs and Hepfeleshile interlacing heart back settlee are placed harmoniously against a dispinied background

A fireplace in the sunroom is a luxury that should be provided for when the house is built. Lewis Colt Albro, architect

A sensible bedroom for a man—a four-poster and ta-ble, a couch, a generous bu-reau and a couple of ladder back chairs





May, 1919



There is a distinct relationship between the architectural background and the furniture of a Louis XVI room. The one augments the other, making a composition of great richness and dignity. From the New York residence of J. R. Shefield, Eaq. W. R. Chambers, architect

Furniture of such contour as Hepplewhite should be given, as below, a silhouetting background. W. R. Chambers, architect A sunroom end of the living room is here, with its sheer curtains, wrought iron fixtures and plants. F. Patterson Smith, architect







A late 18th Century bed table light screen with an embroidered basket on white silk with tiny red glass currants

# A COLLECTION of FLOWER BASKETS

Dating from the 16th Century to the Present and Made of Many Materials

GRACE WOOD

E VER since I can remember I have loved flower baskets. As a very young girl I found myself bringing home baskets from wherever I chanced to find them. So my collection is really a natural and spontaneous expression of my own vivid interest.

As I was very fond of handicraft, it was natural for me to turn these flowery old pictures, which represented so much time and painstaking care through past years. They awoke within me an artistic as well as a romantic, not to say sentimental, interest. Into them were frequently woven many of the most tender sentiments. They were nearly always made as a deep expression of affection for a loved one, and in consequence have that peculiarly intimate quality which is lacking in most collections.

#### Quaint Inscriptions

Such inscriptions as "Donne d'amitié," or "A la Meilleure des Mêres" are a whole story in themselves. Children loved the basket design. It made a special appeal to them, as you will see in many of the old samplers worked by patient little fingers.

Then there was the fascination of discovering the design in fabrics. Among the very first weavings of the Egyptian, the Coptic blankets used in the ceremonial burial of the dead show a basket design. Some of these are in the

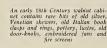


Cooper Museum, New York City. The basket design was rampant, however, at the time of Louis XV and XVI, as many of the beautiful fabrics of that era conclusively prove. Damasks and brocade in color combinations of compelling beauty were used to cover the fauteuils of the time or made into the entrancing robes which the art of Watteau and Fragonard have made immortal. Among the many interesting designs of Meissonier of this period, the basket with its decorative arrangement of fantastic flowers was in evidence. Over-doors painted in delicate color tones of canvas were extensively used, while many of these Panier Fleuri of Meissonier were reproduced in etchings, so characteristic were they of the flowery grace of the Court

#### Old Examples

of Louis XV.

At the time of the Renaissance, the design may be found in architecture, especially at the tops of columns. It also occurs on the old tombstones in Rome, and may be seen in the many ecclesiastical embroideries in gold and silver of the 16th and 17th Centuries. The embroideries were made with the infinite care and patience which characterized the work of the nuns. Many of the convents of both France and Spain have also both France and Spain have also



An early American flower picture, rather crude but very amusing, is of gaudy colored tinsel on a black glass ground

> A delicately embroidered bit of early 19th Century Italian work—silk and chenille design on a white silk ground







A relic of early Victorian days is a basket made of numberless tiny shells, which with their iridescent colorings are fascinating

The case contains flower-basket jewelry-enameled earrings, an old silver comb, snuff boxes, and an enamel watch

produced exquisite laces in which my favorite design was delightfully used.

#### A Twenty-Year Collection

This collection of mine extends over a period of twenty years. Some of it was unearthed in tiny old shops in Spain and Italy, some in the byways of France, some from little old New England villages. There are about five hun-

dred baskets, altogether, including those in the design of old laces, old bead purses, water-color paintings, baskets made of worsted, of paper and of shells. There are some old pieces of furniture, wax pictures, old prints, cameos, glass, old china, Chinese porcelain, silver, lustre, and bits of Italian pottery.

The baskets have such variety of colors, such diversity of styles. The contrasts are very great; all the way from the delicately carved ivory done with all the restraint and finish of the 18th Century to the crude and rather blatant American tinsel flower picture made by unturored fingers in Victorian days. Each establishes its own atmosphere and re-creates for you the setting in which it was conceived.

Among the most curious and fascinating are the little straw baskets filled with glass fruit of the 17th Century, which were used with old Creche figures. The smallest piece in the collection is a little pin, half an inch high, made of very fine colored hair, worked into petit point on a black hair background.

Another very interesting one is a quaint old English piece of needlework made of numberless bits of colored felt.





Over the bed is a delightfully quaint piece of English needlework made of colored felt in a design of a flower basket. The basket design is repeated on practically everything in the room. The 18th Century Italian painted bed has the design on the footboard and an urn of flowers of late Renaissance embroidery on its cover



An Italian embroidered basket of the 18th Century is done in delicate tones of chenille on a white ground and framed in oval

One of the most valuable items is a delicately carved ivory basket, an old French piece of the 18th Century

Then there are curious bits of old jewelry, combs, pendants, rings, earrings, snuff boxes; in fact, there is no end to the use of this fascinating design when you begin to look for it.

I have been particularly concerned with the question of the placing of the collection in a room in which I spend so much of my time. The arranging of collections has always been a difficult problem, and I was particularly anx-

ious to avoid an overcrowded effect. So in order to establish a sense of quiet and repose, I planned each wall space carefully with a view to keeping it as perfectly balanced as possible, choosing the same size and shaped pictures to hang in pairs. The deepest tone of the creamy backgrounds, which occurred in the most of the flower pictures, was used on the walls, and the furniture and the hangings were all kept in warm honey color and green.

#### Basket Inspiration

In later years this collection became the foundation for a daily inspiration to me in the design of other things, such as electric fixtures, lamps, shades, pillows and so on. All of these were inspired by suggestions from y beloved baskets. My friends know about this keen interest of mine and are frequently adding other contributions to my collection.

I was very much entertained by a young friend of mine, aged nine, who spent at least half an hour diligently searching through my Panier Fleuri room in a vain attempt to find something on which that design did not appear, and finally, after supreme effort, she exclaimed, "Well, the carpet isn't a basket!"



In the Royal House at Bedford, Mass., one of the finest examples of Queen Anne Colonial architecture is a Queen Anne daybed that is a rare type

# THE ACCOMMODATING DAY-BED

Which Can Be Used in the Bedroom, Living Room or Studio
—Its Covers, Pillow and Background

#### MARY H. NORTHEND

THERE are several pages of interesting history behind the day-bed. It might well be termed a lounge, and yet it is not so in reality, for it has many features in its design that are not comparable with that piece of furniture as it has developed through the centuries.

It was during the Renaissance that the Classic style so strongly affected furniture. At this period the sleeping couch, with raised ends, came into its rightful name, which was derived from the French "chaise longue" or long chair. In reality it was an elongated seat with a large chair back and body equal in length to the seats of three chairs.

During the Protectorate this fascinating piece of furniture went out of
fashion, only to be revived later on by
Charles II, who transplanted French
Fashions into English homes. He had a
lighter nature than his forerunners, and
we seem to see an evidence of gaiety in
the furniture of his day. Gay colors
were much in vogue during this merry
monarch's reien.

#### Queen Anne Types

In the time of Queen Anne we find examples of the day-bed, many of which are still treasured in Colonial homes. In the Royal House in Bedford, Massachusetts, built about 1641, there is still a rare day-bed after the Queen Anne style, the cane bottom being covered with rich upholstery, as was the fashion of that day.

So in the ups and downs of history this comfortable adjunct in house furnishing repeats itself continuously. After the upheaval of the French Revolution, with the passing of the Reign of Terror, Classic influence again came into the ascendency, and from the Egyptian ruins motifs were dug out that were woven into the furniture. This is



For studio use, or in a small apartment, the day-bed supplies room for an extra guest. Here the covering is soft blue silk and the hanging a foreign peasant fabric in bright colors

particularly shown by David's painting of Madame Recamier reclining on an Empire couch, from which modern examples have been evolved.

It acquired great popularity during the reign of Napoleon, when the beautiful women of the Directoire, as well as the artists of the day, recognized its graceful charm.

#### Day-Bed Uses

A couch has always been indispensable in a comfortable bedroom, but as it has always been a problem to make it attractive, we welcome the return of the day-bed. Its use, however, is not confined to the bedroom, for in the living room it can serve as a couch or window seat, and is a much better solution of the extra needed bed than the dangerous folding bed, or unsightly rug-covered cot. Its graceful design and practical utility make it a most appealing piece of furniture.

In decorated enamel it fits delightfully into the furnishing of the sun parlor, and with cushions and pillows of gaily patterned cretonne it imparts a sprightly cheerfulness so welcome when the hand of winter bears hard upon the land. The Empire type, usually of mahogany and cane, is particularly adaptable to the apartment living room, where an adjustable box mattress may be drawn out to make a full-sized bed. Simple cushions can be covered with rep, velour or tapestry, or a small Oriental rug may be thrown over it. A variety of available textile stuffs are suitable for coverings, ranging from the intricate brocade and

taffetas to the popular English chintz and block prints.

Much of the distinction of a day-bed is due to the upholstery and cushions. The day-bed of Colonial design should be upholstered in a glazed chintz for bedroom use. As a day-bed of this character is intended for use with simple furnishings, the pillows must be in keeping-the simplest form of lingerie pillows, showing neither embroidery nor lace, but simply hemstitching or a narrow ruffle trimming.

For the Continental type white ivory is



A soft rajah silk in yellow and old blue has been used effectively on this charming boudoir day-bed



livened with a touch of brilliant color. covering would be very charming of black satin or black and white block taffeta, with cushions to match with a binding of black and white and tassels and cord.

Fumed oak day-beds are practical for library use, and are most serviceable covered in leather or tapestry, with pillows harmonizing.

#### Covering the Day-Bed

The covering of the day-bed is another important item. You have available collections of tapestries reproduced from the various examples of days gone by, in colors of brown, mauve, or dull gray. Many of the brocades are Chinese in effect with dull lacquer grounds, which are particularly pleasing. The line of damask is highly distinctive because of its wonderful colors, some of the examples being shown in Louis XIV, XV and XVI, as well as Italian Renaissance patterns, all of which reproduce thoroughly the hallmarks of design associated with these different periods.

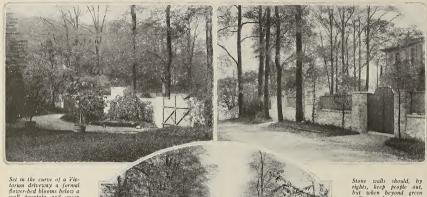
Modern decoration requires the extensive use of silk for coverings, especially for the day-bed that is in the bedroom or boudoir. Here delicate silks in pleasing color combinations are necessary to complete the harmony. Cottons and wool have advanced so in price that silk seems low in comparison. It is no doubt one of the most artistic fabrics, with its wonderful draping and decorative qualities, showing a grace and softness of color that make it an acquisition to any decorative scheme.

The illustrations here show varied types of day-beds, their covering and their composition with other pieces of furniture. The daybed composes well. It may be given a background of a picture, a mirror or a fabric wall hanging. In some cases the line of interesting pillows against the wall gives it sufficient distinction. In itself it is a very decorative piece of furniture.

# GROUP of ADOPTED HOUSES

That Nestle in Gardens on a Hudson River Hillside

SUSAN GRANT SMITH



wall fountain and green gates shut them both in from the road

I N one of the "new poetry" magazines a little verse comments on empty houses "waiting for someone to give them a soul." City houses and flats often get their souls on a year's lease and go through a hundred reincarnations; but country houses are more exigeant; they live to capacity only under a sympathetic touch and deprived of that touch they lose their beauty as dry sea shells lose their color.

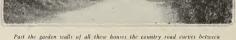
To encourage personality in houses—as in people—requires above all things imagination and a dramatic sense, for creating the mise en scène for

everyday life is just as much a matter of taste and values as the staging of a play. An extraordinary instance of the combination of these two qualities is to be seen up in the Hudson valley, where a group of old Dutch houses overlook a landing from which in Revolutionary times Molly Sneeden rowed her fares to Dobb's Ferry.

#### Varied Nationality

Six of these houses have been bought by one person, and like six adopted children with a wise mother each has had the very best thing done to it that could bring out its good points. The owner of these houses has gone on Isadora Duncan's principle of adopting children of various nationalities and training them to be artists, only she has applied the principle to these six adopted houses instead of to children. Why not? Think of all the houses that ought to be taken out of orphan asylums, so to speak, and given a chance in life.

Some of them were old stone houses built by the Dutch settlers, and for them there was little to do except to fence in the land around them and plant flower gardens. The fences



hedges of honeysuckle down to the ferry landing by the river



A fantastic balcony and railing from an old church have been used

Stone walls should, by rights, keep people out, but when beyond green railings and gates appear gay green balconies it can't be done

were soon hidden under honevsuckle vines, and hollyhocks bloomed against the stone walls almost overnight, for in the fertile Hudson valley "spring comes on forever" and flowers grow as they do in the tropics and the pages of seed catalogues.

The house that stands nearest the river is of stone, with bright green shutters, and its poplar trees give it the air of a joyous French inn. It is easy to imagine that the little Seine boats run up to it from Paris, and that at luncheon time little tables will be set under striped awnings, and

omelette and salad and red wine may be ordered at any moment. But no French inn ever had a garden like the one behind this house, for the hollyhocks and roses and larkspur and box-edged flower beds are not French at all, but English, like the gardens in Kate Greenaway's books. And the long grape arbor overlooking the river is neither French nor English, but perfectly Italian. Very cosmopolitan, this old stone fisherman's house, that has had a garden and a fence and some green paint added by a sympathetic hand, and has suddenly become a personality among houses.

#### "Chateau Hash"

Farther up the hill at a bend in the road there stands a frame house, painted white with bright green shutters and balconies and doors, and called by its owner the "Chateau Hash," because it is made of two houses, or rather a house and a half joined together. A cement wall shuts in the driveway, and on the side next the house a wall fountain trickles down into formal flower beds. There is nothing especially original, of course, about a wall fountain, as such. But this one drips under the white arch of a Victorian marble mantel set in the cement of the wall, and its basin is bright with bits of green and blue glass and dark red stones from the cliffs and the sand by the river.

Across the way stands another green-trimmed frame house, overlooking the river; huge acacia trees shadow the lawn between a bricked terrace and the low box hedge which makes a straight, dark, formal line against the water. The soul of this house is Latin, but more Italian than French; and the guest who dines at the long table set out under the green balconies on a hot, boxscented summer night finds it incredible that New York, instead of being as far from here as the Villa d'Este is from Times Square, is really no more than an hour away.



A stone wall and a straight line of box hedge enclose a lawn and garden that look down on the river below the tall acacia trees

Syringa and lilac and climbing roses hide this house—in Revolutionary times an inn—from the road, and screen its carved balcony

and ash cans of a city house. In a little grotto at the end of the garden stands a statue of Silenus; his semicircular shrine is made from a section of big tile drain-pipe, cut in two and placed end on end. Where could Silenus be more at home than on this sunny hillside where all summer the grapes are ripening in the arbors—poor Silenus who is so soon to be lost in the remote twilight that has already overtaken the other gods, but whose place will always be in the sunshine of a hillside vineyard.

#### A Bit of Sicily

Down on the red rocks by the river a flock of goats graze under the acacia trees. At least they should graze there, to give the

impression that this is a bit of Sicily, or perhaps that blue Aegean waters lie below the cliffs and that Pan has fallen asleep in the long grass; the fact is, they have an unfortunate tendency to wander in the vegetable gardens of these happy houses, and to eat the young green beans from the poles, and the little cabbages from the hoed rows. But the tenants of the houses don't mind; they would probably cook the young beans and serve them to the goats with fresh butter and stew the little cabbages for them with partridges and sausages in the manner of the Taverne du Pantheon, and merely consider such dishes a sacrifice to placate

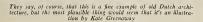
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#### The Italian House

Italian, too, is the house that was adopted only hast year with this group. About this little "Italian House", as it is always called, there is something inconsequent and fantastic—it is a humoresque among houses. Carvings from an old New York church make a diverting round balcony over the door, and a railing for the sleeping porch. Iron gates lead in to the garden paths—grilled iron gates that have so decorative an air among the lilacs and peonies and daffoidlis that it is difficult to believe the truth about them, which is that once they led to no more romantic a spot than the areaway









Grape vines and green shutters and a very, very young box hedge decorate the front of this house, which is also shown in the photograph at the top of the page

# KEEP IT COOL IN A GOOD REFRIGERATOR

The Nine Points of Refrigerator Construction and Use

#### ETHEL R. PEYSER

SHE rang for the butler: "Wilson, please ask the chef what kind of a refrigerator the architect put in for us." "Very well, madam," and he departed to the

This same chatelaine did not send for the butler to inquire what kind of an automobile her garage held. Not for a moment! She knew, too, the difference between the Rolls-Royce, her car, and the Ford, or any other car! Yet, she didn't know her refrigerator! And to-day, although all the world's a-wheel, the very crux of the situation is the refrigerator! Peace-war-the economic structure of nations hinges on the preservation of food, not only in refrigerating cars, but in our kitchens; for, as our kitchens save food, just so much more easily will the world be fed and unrest

Beyond much doubt the chic porcelain-lined refrigerator of to-day is the corner-stone of the halls of domesticity; for what in the uncon-scious song of every husband is a wife without well-kept food! And is there any romance that will survive flabby lettuce and pulpy celery?

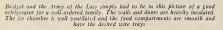
#### How It Was Made

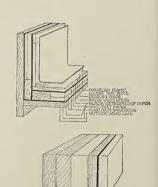
The chatelaine took the booklet about her refrigerator from the butler and found it entrancing. The pictures brought to her mind marble halls-à la Alma-Tadema-and she wondered why he hadn't used a modern refrigerator in one of his Roman paintings!

She found out, of course, that the linings are not marble, but must be made in one piece of (Continued on page 72)









It has been found that the walls, doors and floors of every refrigerator must have at least one air space and from six to nine layers of insulated material

# MAY WORK AMONG THE VEGETABLES

Sowing the Warm Weather Crops, Transplanting, Thinning, Hilling and Many Other Activities Which Make for Maximum Crops

W. C. McCOLLOM

THE leafing of the oak trees is accepted as the natural signal for sowing the heat-lowing vegetables, such as corn, dwarf beans, squash, lima beans, okra, etc., as well as the tomatoes, egg-plants and peppers. This is by no means the dream of a fanciful brain, but a practical basis for determining the true growing conditions. Most plants that require late seeding must grow rapidly, and any check caused by cold, wet weather after planting would ruin the crop. Better, therefore, than accepting calendar dates is the practice of waiting until natural conditions are satisfactory. A few days' delay in sowing is preferable to spolling a crop by sowing to early.

Lima beans especially, but all beans in general, if sown too early will turn rusty and deay; the roots will show the attacks of the fungi which prevail during cold, wet weather. Corn, squash, pumpkins, etc., will turn yellow and should be discarded and

and should be discarded and resown, as they will not recover. Do not take any chances with old seed of any of the warm crops. Most of the seeds are meaty and deteriorate rapidly besides often being infested with weevil. Always bear in mind that the cost of the seed is the smallest outlay in growing any crop, and it is by far the most important factor

> A strong tobacco solution spray is used to destroy plant lice on the peas, etc.



Seedlings must be thinned out while small, to avoid crowding

to be considered in the entire operation.

Too much stress cannot be laid upon the necessity of keeping the garden moving. The gardener who attempts to take things easy at this stage is certain to have a very lean harvest. All quick maturing crops, such as peas, beans, corn, lettuce, carrots, beets, etc. must be sown frequently if you are to have a goodly supply of fresh vegetables always on hand. There is no waste to succession planting; it is rather the method of sowing several rows of beans at one planting in preference to sowing one row each week for three weeks that leads to wasteful habits in gardening. Canning will take care of any surplus there may be; in fact, it is sometimes desirable to have large quantities maturing at one time so the canning operations may be reduced in number. But the fact stands out very prominently that for small home gardens it is best to have the crops maturing in rapid

succession, eating what you desire while they

are fresh and canning the balance. If through illness or absence one sowing is lost it is of little consequence, as other sowings will be following directly.

The question of when to can is a matter of personal adjustment, but twice a week is not too often if you want good, fresh vegetables. When we speak of timed successional (Continued on page 62)

Have the soil soft and mellow when you hill. After a rain is the best time



Soot sprinkled along the row is a destroyer of onion maggots





Wire gauze netting over the squashes will save them from the destructive squash bug



# BEHIND THE HOUSE STANDS THE ORCHARD

Even Though the Grounds Be So Small That Only a Few Can Be Planted, Well Chosen Fruit Trees and Bushes Will Prove a Worth-while Investment

#### WILLIAM C. McCOLLOM

IN discussions about planning the grounds of some new place one often hears "What is the use of planting fruit trees? They take too long to mature." Common enough sentiments, but luckily they were not those of the generation which preceded us. While it does take some little time to grow a fully developed orchard, you must bear in mind that each year the trees are improving in value. They are interesting even when small, and by proper selection it is possible to have some varieties that fruit the second season. When you have ground that is above the rise and fall of the tide, and when it is possible to make holes large enough for the roots of the trees, you can grow fruit if you want to. The question is entirely a personal one, as there are few classes of plants that are less exacting.

#### Desirable Characteristics

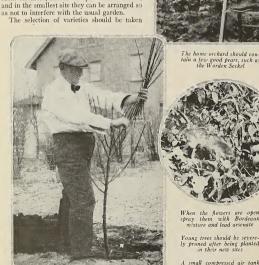
Fruit trees are utilitarian. They not only produce abundantly if given reasonable cultivation, but may at the same time serve the purpose of a group planting for screens, etc. Furthermore, they are conspicuously attractive at all seasons of the year; there is always a certain magnetism in the fruit when it is developing, in the new growth showing the fruit buds, and in the spring flowers. Every suburban home plot should have an orchard, even if only of the smallest size. A few trees, if there is not room for more, reflect the spirit of the owner, and in the smallest site they can be arranged so

seriously, both as regards those which are suitable for your local conditions and those which will give a well balanced orchard. Varieties should be selected that ripen in the proper rotation, and the productive value of the various types must also be considered. An apple tree in good health and bearing properly should produce from twelve to sixteen bushels of fruit; pears yield in one-half the time of apples, but carry only about half as large a crop; peaches should bear some fruit the third year, but they are short lived and it will be necessary to re-place them every ten or twelve years. Plums are similar in habit to peaches, but they are much longer lived. Dependable Varieties

The following varieties have stood the test of time, for all general purposes.

Red Astrachan and Early Harvest are very good early ripening varieties of apples; Nonesuch and Gravenstein will be found satisfying for autumn, while for late keeping qualities and fine flavor King, Baldwin, Greening and Northern Spy are considered the best. The best summer pears are Clapp's Favorite and Bartlett, both fine grained and highly flavored. Good intermediate ripening sorts of pears are Shelden and Worden Seckel, and the best keepers for winter use are Beurre d'Anjou and Lawrence. In cherries, Wood and Tartarian are good sweet sorts, while among the tart varieties that excell for cooking Morello and Richmond Hill are satisfactory.

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When the flowers are open spray them with Bordeaux mixture and lead arsenate

Young trees should be severe-ly pruned after being planted in their new sites

A small compressed air tank makes the necessary spraying a simple enough matter





Of carefully selected wicker painted brown or other color, this chair costs \$20. Gay cretonne cushion, \$4.75



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May

#### THE GARDENER'S CALENDAR

TUESDAY WEDNESDAY

## Fifth Month



Work the fertilizer around the ground with



Immediately after transplanting, water copiously to the soil



The burned tips of the ornamental the evergreens can be cut out with shears

SUNDAY

MONDAY

This calendar of the gardenor's labors is aimed as a reminder for undertaking all his tasks in season. It is fitted to the latitude of the Middle States, in laborate to the latitude of the Middle States, whose country if it be remembered that or every one bundred miles north or south there is a difference of from five to seven days later or earlier in performing garden operations. The dates given are, of course, for an average season. What a garden
of surprise
Out beyond my
window lies!
Fancy, when the
night is there,
Gentle trees with
drooping hair
Rocking, rocking or a d le-

5. Most of the more com-mon snnual flowers may he started out of doors now in which they are to go well prepared far enough ahead so that it will pulverize when being wolked. Sow the seed thinly in drills. 4. It is unwise to postpone potato
planting any
longer if you
want good resuits. Potatoes
are a cool crop
and late plantsuits. Potatoes are a cool crop and late plantings of them, bowever well cared for, are raiely successful. Use a fertilizer with 1% potash.

11. Do not delay cutting the lawn until the grass is so long as to necessary of the control of t

18. Just hefore the general
flowering scascan legins in
the perennial
garden it is a
good top rices
to top rices
the beds with
bone meal or
other concentrated fertilizer. Scatter it
on the surface
and rake it into
the soil.

13. Now that the garden work is in full swing, invite you self to get a equal in ted with the use of the constant work of cultivation more efficiently and with less effort than any other.

8. Crops that are more or less inactive and are not growing well should be stimulated with the stimulated with the stimulated with the stimulated of some other strong lertilizing element used in liquid form to bring about q uick results.

THURSDAY

1. If the weather conditions are settiled the warm vegetable crops at the street of the set of th

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

23. A few dead flower stalks will make an otherwise good garder were good garder with garder wit neglect to keep up succession sowings in the garden, as advised elsewhere in this Issue. Corn, beans, spinach, peas, radishes, let-tuce, heets, carrots, chervil, cueum her, cress, kohirabi ond turnin ere

17. A barrel or liquid manure in some convenient corner of the garden will be a cassory for treating plants that are not doing well. Alternate applications of this with solutions of nirate of soda.

Good birch brush along both sides of the pea row is the best kind of support



Voung hedges can be quickly trimmed with a sharp sickle instead of shears



should be practiced so as to maintain the vegetable supply

D'ID ye ever stop ter think what a garden'd be like if they warn't no birds in it? Gosh a'mightyl-www.

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—[the Dec Lemma.]



The tall flowers like dahlias and hollyhocks need individual stake supports



If you have space without sacrificing other vegetables, you can now plant potatoes



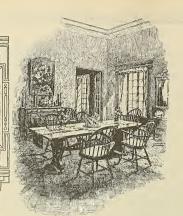
Annual flower seed should be sown in the open without delay if you want best results



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UITE often the most inviting interior is that which traces its inspiration to some unpremeditated source — which may account for the joy of "scheming" even the simplest room.

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# Masterpieces in Mezzotint

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The result of all this in the completed as an English art, as it is the British product is a print of peculiarly soft mezzotinters who have given us the velvety appearance, possessing a bloom real masterpieces. that is somewhat easily marred, whence

Farly Magters fine proofs should be carefully protected from injury. Here it will be well to ob-serve that in fine mezzotint work restraint is shown in not permitting the velvety surfaces to comprise portions which should not be rendered by too great an effect of this sort, as in trees and other things which require more of the suggestion of a different texture. Etched lines (first used in this connec-Etched lines (hrst used in this connection by George White, before 1731), have often been combined with pure mezzotinting, as was the practice in Turner's plates for his famous Liber Studorium. It is interesting to note that copper is the metal most often used and the one yielding the best result in making mezzotints. However, this metal so soft that the plates deteriorate rap is so soft that the plates deteriorate rapidly under the pressure of printing and only thirty prints of the finest quality, or thereabouts, can be pulled from a mezzotint plate before impressions begin to show indications of grayness, increasing with the additional prints pulled. After the first twenty-five or thirty plates perhaps some seventy-five "good enough" impressions can be had. Such may be lovely, indeed, though not com-parable with the earlier proofs. In 1820 the experiment of mezzotinting on hardened steel was put forth in a small plate

a portrait of Queen Caroline—by William Say, and certain later mezzotinters followed with this material, although steel coating the copper plate by the electrotype process became the com-moner method in such work as that done by Sartain and his contemporaries for the mezzotint illustrations to the American publications of the mid-19th Century Graham's Magazine, etc.

#### The Early Mezzotints

The earliest known mezzotint is the Hollander, Ludwig Von Siegen's portrait of the Landgravine Amelia of Hesse engraved in 1642, which was followed in 1643 by one of the Empress Eleonora, wife of Ferdinand II, and in 1644 by a wife of regulation II, and in 1044 by a superb pair of mezzotint portraits of William of Orange and the Princess Mary. It may be that these early plates by Von Siegen were produced by roughening with a circular file and scraping, and that Abraham Blooteling of Hol land, who came to England in 1762, should be credited with the invention of the rocker. Cvril Davenport seems inthe rocker. Cyril Davenport seems in-clined to think that Von Siegen's in-vention was confined to the use of small-toothed roulettes to make dotted lines, curves and shadowed spaces. Prince Rupert, Count Palatine of the

Rhine and Duke of Bavaria, appears to have learned mezzotinting from Von Siegen in 1654 when these two artists first met in Brussels, and to have imparted the secret in turn to John Evelyn, who wrote of it in his "Sculptura" (1662) and to the Canon Theodor Caspar von Fürstenberg, a prebendary of Metz, who himself practiced it. Later Wallerant Vaillant was initiated into the wallerant was inflated into the secret by Prince Rupert, whose assistant he became. Prince Rupert's first known mezzotint is "The Great Executioner," engraved in 1658, after the painting by Spagnoletto. A smaller print, the head only from the same subject, appeared in the volume of "Sculptura" already referred to. Prince Rupert introduced the mezzotint into the Low Countries and into England, and the Canon von Fürstenberg introduced it into Germany. this latter connection one may remark that the art of mezzotint in Germany never rose to distinction. Dr. Lippmann of Berlin concurred in this estimate. In France mezzotinting became known as la maniere anglaise or as la maniere noire, but it is to be considered chiefly

#### Early Masters

Among the early masters in mezzotint were William Sherwin (1669-1714), David Loggan (1635-1693), Francis Place (1647-1728), Abraham Blooteling (1635-1693), already mentioned, and John Vandervaart (1647-1721), who came from Harlem to England in 1674. This Vandervaart is believed to have been the teacher of the great English mezzotinter (1655-1742). Sir Christopher Wren is also thought to have practiced mezzotinting, as the Wren family Parentalia, published in London in 1750 not only makes mention of a Moor head in mezzotint by Sir Christopher, head in mezzotint by Sir Christopher, but states that he was the "first inventor of Mezzo Tinto," which of course was not the fact, nor does Evelyn's "Sculp-tura" corroborate Sir Christopher's prowess as a mezzotinter at all, merely making mention of his dexterity as draughtsman. The early mezzotinters frequently resorted to retouching and doctoring their prints, but as the art addoctoring their prints, but as the art advanced there became no necessity for any such practice. Mention should be made here of the attribution of the invention of mezzotint to Prince Rupert on the portrait of that prince engraved by Vaillant. This bit of flattery subse-quently led many to believe Prince Ru-pert to have been the originator of the art, although there can be no doubt but that Von Siegen's experiments antedated Prince Rupert's.

John Smith, mentioned above, Jean Simon (1675-1755?), a Frenchman who studied under Smith after his arrival in London, William Faithorne the younger (1666-1701?), George White (flourished 1714-1731), already mentioned in connection with the first use of the etched line in mezzotint work, John Faber, who came from Holland in 1707 established himself as a mezzotinter "att ve Golden Eagle near ye Fountain Tavern, Strand, John Faber Junior, his son (16841756), the last of the masters of the early eighteenth-century school,—all these were notable mezzotinters, some of them prolific in their output. Thomas Beard, John Brooks and Andrew Miller carried the art to Ireland, where it took root and flourished in Dublin, producing in turn those worthy descendants and brilliant mezzotint engravers of a later date, 1770-1800,-MacArdell, Houston, Spooner and Purcell, who found their way to London. Of the work of James way to London. Of the work of James MacArdell one cannot speak enthusiastically enough, for they merit all the praise they have received. Sir Joshua Reynolds once said that MacArdell's mezzotints from his paintings would immortalize his own art, and it has lent lustre to the painter's effort. With MacArdell's advent mezzotint reached its high altitude.

#### Mezzotints in America

Let us turn back, in point of time, now to note the introduction of mezzo-tint engraving in America. To Peter Pelham, whose portrait of the Reverend Cotton Mather appeared in 1727, must be conceded the honor of producing the first mezzotint executed in the Colonies This portrait was, by the way, the very first meritorious engraving by any process whatsoever to appear in America. Pelham, who was born in England, reinam, who was born in Engana, came to America and settled in Boston, was the step-father of John Singleton Copley, the painter. It is thought that he kept school from 1734 to 1748. He is credited with some fourteen mezzotint. plates engraved after his coming to America. A portrait of Mrs. Centlivre, dated 1720, and done in England, is his earliest dated portrait in mezzotint. In

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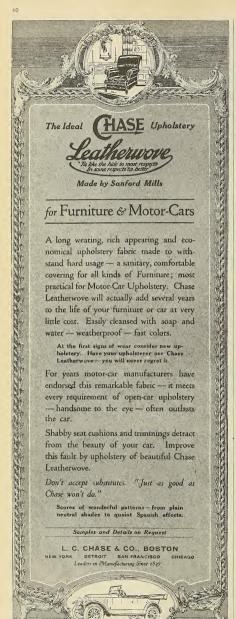
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# Masterpieces in Mezzotint

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to America in 1728 in the company of The Bishop Berkeley of Cloyne. The Bishop returned to England in 1731 and Smibert remained behind, settling in Boston as a portrait painter. Probably he and Pelham were friends, as Pelham engraved a number of mezzo-tints after his portraits. Mention is here made of Smibert, as occasionally the statement has been made that he was the first European artist of ability was the first European artist of ability emigrating to America, whereas that honor should be accorded to Pelham, who preceded his advent here by at least two years. It is not believed that Smibert engraved. William Burgis, who was publishing maps and charts in Boston in 1729, tried

maps and charts in Boston in 1729, tried bis hand at mezotint, as a mediocre Boston Harbor view signed by him attests. Richard Jemys at the beginning of the Revolution, Samen Okey on the Perinning of the Revolution, Samen Okey on the Interest of the Perinning of the Revolution, Samen Okey on the Interest of the Perinning of Perinning in 1870. William Haulin of Proviing in 1800, William Hamlin of Providence (1772-1869) are some of the pio-neers of the art of mezzotint in America.

#### The English Engravers

Returning to the English mezzotint engravers, there was Valentine Green (1739-1813), who engraved the first genuine portrait of Washington published in Europe (an engraving after the Washington portrait of John Trumbull, now owned by Mr. Charles Allen Munn of New York, a connoisseur in whose collections are also to be found some of collections are also to be found some of the finest impressions of early American mezzotints), Richard Earlom (1743-1822), whose flower pieces are unsur-passed, John Raphael Smith (1730-1812), a print of whose mezzotint, "Mrs. Carnac," in First State brought 4950 in one sale and which fetched 1,160 guineas at the Edgraphs Sale in 1001 Janes at the Edgcumbe Sale in 1901, James Watson, the Irishman, Caroline Watson, his daughter (1760-1814), William Ward,

1753 Copley himself engraved a mezzo- John Dean, John Greenwood, Edward tuit after one of his own paintines, a Fisher, John Jones, David Martin, Wilportmait of the Reverend William Wel- liam Pether, William Dickinson, James steed of Boston, John Smibert, a Walker, John Young, Turner, David Scotch painter, who traveled in Italy Lucas,—how one might go on with the and lived some time in England, came catalogue of famous British mezzolitation. In the works of Samuel Cousins (1801-1887) etching came to be almost an equal contributor to the plate, but the glory of the work of the earliest masters had departed.

masters had departed.

Later years have witnessed a revival in mezzotint. Sir Frank Short, John D. Miller, Gerald P. Robinson, William Strang, Miss E. Gulland, Mrs. M. Cormack, R. S. Clouston, Norman Hirst, Max Rosenthal, S. Arlent Edwards, James D. Smillie are but a few names among the many that have preserved and are perpetuating the process of the mezzotint

#### Color in Mezzotints

Of color in mezzotinting, Arthur Hayden says: "A mezzotint in color is a contradiction in terms. The mezzotint engravers themselves rejected the color printer for their finest plates. Valentine Green absolutely refused to have any of his work printed in such a manner. A colored mezzotint is always a dangerous possession. Even in eighteenth-century days it was the worn plate that proceed-ed to its next page as a color print. But nowadays hundreds of thin impressions worthless to the collector of mezzotints have been colored by hand, and this simple operation has increased their value twenty-fold. With other engraving the fraud of coloring by hand is ing the IrauG of Coloring by hand is fairly easy to discover, but in mezzotint the cheat has the decided advantage over the connoisseur." Sir John Rey-nolds colored some mezzotints, using transparent color. The mezzotints in color after paintings by George Morland color after paintings by George Moriand
were always popular and eagerly sought
for, and I have seen beautiful prints in
color by MacArdell, Earlom, Ward
Dawe and others.

The story of the mezzotint is almost
as endless as the fascination of these
prints, but there has been room here for
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prints, but there has been room here for the briefest outline only of a subject which the reader is left to himself to ex-plore further. May he find a bit of the enjoyment experienced by the writer in his own explorations, for then he will not have thought this half-hour a wasted one.

### The Music Room and the Musical House

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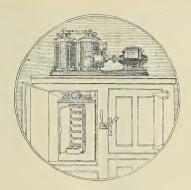
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Quite apart from all other considera-tions, a phonograph should be consid-ered as necessary to every music room. ered as necessary to every music room. I can take you to the homes of cele-brated musicians, Galli-Curci, Caruso, Paderewski, Cadman, Leoncavallo, and you will see that the phonograph is used a great deal. You need not be ashamed of yours, rather proud of it. Even though Caruso, Heifetz and Galli-Curci heads the property of the prop you will see that the phonograph is used son why the must room cannot be hung a great deal. You need not be ashamed with paintings of the most foreign of yours, rather proud of it. Even character. You don't need to label the though Caruse, Heifert and Galli-Curci muster pome. What is in the room of a themselves appear personally in your mustcal mature will do. Your pictures mustc room—their records on the pho-will harmonize if they are up to the nograph would be in the nature of a standard of the music to which you fine compliment to them.

Phonographs are made to fit into any period decoration. Period designs are quite the rage now among the better

could be mage now among the better makers of phonographs and the taste and spirit are authentic and beautiful. Plano cases are also made in various finishes and designs. I once came upon a case which cost \$100000—14 was done in gold and was finely carved, and the state of the prince. It appeals to my sense as being more truly the plano in that form. So, too, I personally have no liking for the marble and plaster representations of Wangert, Isak' and Beethoven, or the group pictures of composers or of St. Cecilia playing at the organ in and for some tastes are quite the thing, and for some tastes are quite the thing but to me they are in the nature of begging the question. There is no reason why the music room cannot be hung son why the music room cannot be hung

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# The Music Room and the Musical House

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listen. A fine marine, a gentle rustic patrons, you wonder why, and wonder-scene, a glimpse down a river—nature ing, cast a different glance at the miss-pictures will be in good place.

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the suggestion of readmess to play— these are the touches of kinship which set life into the music room. Who, now, will disregard the music room? Who will let his home have no heart? I speak to you in the words of

heart I speak to you in the words of developments of your music room just a great old man I once knew:

"Where there is no music in the education, or your garden, house, that house is a sad place. If There are architectural growths to you would know where real culture and your music taste just, as there are in the genuine sympathy reside in the human heart, go find me the lover of music. And if a family would appear to be the cultured sort, even though they cannot confess a true love of melody, let them sham it, if they must. Let them follow the suit of the folk who attend opera merely to seem to like it. If the name of a family be off from the list of music-

I change all this by saving to you.

that what you hear of music outside your doors, is not to compare with the simple kind of music you hear inside your own home. I would rather listen to the amateur notes of a man at home, than admire the marvels of a profes-sional's technique on the concert stage.

There are musical menus just as there are dinner menus—there are progressive developments of your music room just

growth of your buildings or Japanese gardens.

Where is your music room? It is the heart of your home. Let it throb and send new blood and passion and interest through the arteries of all your house. Where there is a music room it is likely to be a musical house, and a musical house is a happy place.

# May Work Among the Vegetables

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regulation. Fourteen days applied to the sowing of seeds does not or should not mean anything; growing conditions are the only factor worth considering when we are regulating our sowing. Three days at some periods of the year will produce more growth than as many weeks or even months at other Base your sowings on the condition of those previously started; when the ear-lier rows are breaking through the surface of the ground you may plant your successional crop.

To reduce waste many of our garden crops should be transplanted. A com-paratively small seeding of lettuce can paratively small seeding of fettice cap be made into a very large planting by the proper handling of the seedlings, a statement which also applies to many other garden crops. It would indeed be a wasteful practice to sow cauliflower, kale, Brussels sprouts, cabbage and similar things in drills to be thinned later on, so most of these crops are later on, so most of these crops are started in separate beds and when large enough to handle are "dibbled" into beds. When these young plants are a few inches high they can be transplanted to the garden in rows the required dis-

#### Transplanting Instructions

The rules of transplanting are so very simple and understandable that it is really surprising to think that so many should fail. When transplanting anyshould fall. When transplanting any-thing get all the roots you can, for plants exist by means of their roots. See that the soil is thoroughly watered before you start to lift the plants, and before you start to lift the plants, and that the bed where the plants are to be located is well prepared. The bed should be prepared but a very short time before the planting operation or it will pack down and dry too rapidly. The pack down and dry too rapidly. The holes for the plants should be large complete occommodate the roots with out crowding. If the bed is in good stalks and not for the condition they can be made with the port afforded the stem. hand.

When the plant is placed in position, When the plant is placed in position, firm the soil around the roots, a very important point. A good way to do this is to use the fingers in much the same position as when playing a piano, pressing down until the soil is compact pressing down until the soil is compact enough to assure proper drainage. Water the plant thoroughly to settle the soil around the roots, and if you have facilities for shading the plants for a few days it is advisable to do so. But permit air and sunshine to reach the in-with home gardens the transplanting can (Continued on page 64)

sowings the word "timed" is to imply usually be attended to in the evening, and if done properly at that time it will not be necessary to shade the plants. Why do we thin plants? For the very reason that drives those who can

get away from city tenements to suburban homes where the air, sunshine and the opportunity to develop health are considerably better. Plants that are not thinned are poor, weak, drawn-out specimens, the first always to be covered with insects or diseases; and the resulting crop, if it matures, is never up

resulting crop, if it matures, is never up to a proper standard. Where heavy sowings are practiced without the proper thinning entire crops will fail.

The time to thin is when the plants are small; if left until they have attained any size they will be so soft they will invariably fail over from lack of support when the other plants are removed or the roots will be interlocked. removed, or the roots will be interlocked to such an extent as to make it impos-sible to do this work without pulling up sible to do this work without pulling up many of the plants you wish to remain. It is a good practice to water the soil thoroughly before starting to thin, as the roots of the discarded plants will then come out without disturbing the

Hilling plants is necessary in many cases to prevent their blowing over. The plan is to draw the soil up around the sign is to draw the sou up around the stems to give them the additional support they require. The common error, if there can be such a thing, in the hilling of plants is attending to it when the soil is hard and will not settle properly.

Before hilling the soil should be pul-

before filling the soil should be pul-verized with a wheel hoe or a claw-tooth cultivator, and then when hilled we have a mass of soil all the same con-sistency, instead of a number of hard layers. Beans of all types require hilling, as do all tall crops, such as peas, corn, tomatoes, etc. Some vegetables, such as celery, are hilled to bleach the stalks and not for the sake of the sup-

Insect pests appear on the scene very early. A preventive for them is much preferred to a cure, and while on this subject it is only fair to admit that one subject it is only fair to admit subject it is only fair to admit subject in the greatest of all preventives is to give the plants good growing conditions. This means a soil that contains enough plant food to be productive of a healthy, vigorous growth; proper thinning out to







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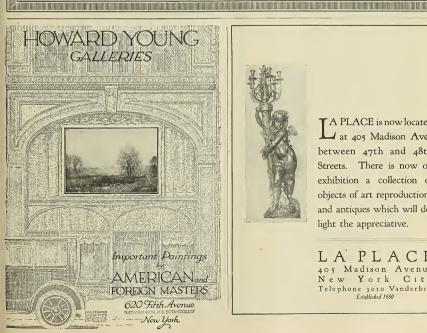
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# May Work Among the Vegetables

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side of the plants; and keeping the soil a strong force of water, and while on surface well stirred to conserve the soil the ground covered with tobacco dust. moisture and to admit air into the lower soil to improve its chemical character and productiveness.

The onion maggot is one of the first pests we have to contend with. The little white butterfly of early spring deposits the eggs and the tiny white maggots will soon destroy a crop of onions; the tops turning yellow is an indication of their presence. Pull a few onions and examine their roots carefully. If any maggots are present the rows must be watered with a strong solution of Scotch soot. As a preventive, scatter some soot on the ground around the plants.

Green fly and other types of aphis
will often be found on the under side of the foliage or on the tips of the new growth, especially on plants that are crowded or growing in impoverished soil. Spraying with strong tobacco solutions on three consecutive evenings is the best means of combating these pests, as it destroys subsequent hatchings. Where infested plants are properly sup-ported the aphis can be dislodged with

which will destroy them. In all cases of spraying it is desirable to use a good soapy solution, which will help the spraying material to adhere to the foli-

A great many of our garden crops, especially those that occupy the same ground for several seasons or more, such ground for several seasons or more, such as strawberries, rhubarb, asparagus, horseradish, artichoke, herbs, etc., as well as the cane fruits, should always be mulched in fall. The fertilizing ele-ments of this mulch leach into the soil and are quickly assimilated by the plants. While manure is the best growth plants. While manure is the best growth producer we have, it will, if used to the exclusion of other fertilizers, make a rather soft growth, ideal for quick maturing crops, but not for crops that stand for any considerable time. To balance this it is well to give the plants a top dressing of bone meal or a good concentrated fertilizer. This should be scattered on the soil around the base of the plant and can be worked in with a fork or hand trowel.

# The Chimney as an Architectural Factor

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of air but keep out rain and snow. We appearing in groups of separate shafts still see the louver boards in the ven- or as single shafts from fireplaces set tilators of old barns and in church without regard to a formal scheme of Later, when other means of drawing off the smoke had been provided, many of these femerells louvers were glassed in and so became lanterns. In either case, they were ment and the opportunity offered in this direction was made the most of.

The few chimneys existent at this period in castles, abbeys and large manor houses, chimneys enclosing real flues from the fireplace to the outer air, were usually treated as cylindrical shafts within or close against the outer walls and ended above the roof as pinnacles or diminutive turrets with conical, covered tops, the smoke escaping through vertical slits at the sides just below the cone-shaped cap.

The femerell or louver necessarily of curred at the ridge of the roof. The chimney shaft was placed against the outer wall. Its top, also, came to be accorded a measure of architectural oraccorded a measure of architectural or-nament. As fireplaces grew more and more numerous, chimney shafts were added wherever interior necessity dic-tated, without any especial regard to symmetrical exterior composition. Throughout the Gothic period this principle of utilitarian expediency obtained. We find it so in houses of the Cotswold type-a phase of English domestic architecture that has exercised an appreciable and agreeable influence upon much modern American house design-and this fortuitous placing of the chimneys contributes no small share to the charm of this particular form of architectural expression.

During the Tudor and Stuart Renaissance phases of architecture-and here, again, modern American practice is concerned-the same fortuitous placing of chimneys continued, and we all know what interest the grouped chimney what interest the grouped chimney shafts and their decoration imparted to the houses of the period. When we come to examine the more fully devel-oped Renaissance expression that began under Inigo Jones and the fashions that lasted through the Palladian era and the Neo-Classic age, we find the chimneys contributing to the symmetrical formality of the composition and playing a well-defined rôle in assisting the balance and giving scale. They were regularly placed as large rectangular shafts in which the flues are massed, instead of

disposition. From the history of the chimney it is plain that the factors of position or placement, scale and design, and contour and decoration all developed by a logical process of evolution. It is also evident that, through the inherent fitness of things, certain types of chimneys accord with the genius of certain forms of architectural expression. And this is true alike of position, design and decoration. furthermore, it is equally evident that the chimney, by right of inheritance from its double line of ancestry, ought to be a distinct decorative unit as well as an integral factor in the whole scheme of composition. This decorative quality may proceed from (1) the method of placing, (2) the manipulation of the materials used, (3) the treatment of the contour, or (4) from the various more specific forms of surface ornamentation. By one means or another the chimney ought to have interest.

#### Placing the Chimney

Let us now examine the concrete methods by which chimney interest may be attained. First of all, with reference to position, we have seen that certain types of architecture require certain manners of chimney placement. If the architectural treatment be informal. there follows a large latitude in the matter of position, no matter what the particular type chosen—Cotswold, Tudor, one of the modern British interpreta-tions, or some one of the early American forms. Chimneys may be set in angles where two walls join and where a change or break occurs in the roof line. They may also be set at gable ends or upon the apex of a gable and, in this latter way, made a central fea-ture of decoration as well as an object of utility to which the whole scheme of gable composition may be made to lead up as a climax. They may be placed in groups, contributing an aspect of great stability as well as a focus of structural interest. They may be set to rise out of the mass of the roof, but should not be so placed that the surrounding structural lines do not lead up to them. They may be set in rows rising from the outer walls, with admirable effect, or they may be placed in various other positions that circumstances make possible in in-

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## The Chimney as an Architectural Factor

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and balance to the whole mass.

With formal architecture, chimneys must contribute to the impression of symmetry, and this end may be gained by placing them at the ends of buildings; or rising from the centre as a core, so to speak, of the structure; or as sep-arate units in quadruple or double array. equidistant from the centre of the mass; or in groups disposed at regular intervals. To maintain due symmetrical stress it is not necessary to masque chimneys behind balustrades or disguise chimneys benind balustrades or disguise them as urns, as was done in some Re-naissance buildings, or pervert them into the form of pillars—a device resorted to by several Tudor architects, thoroughly illegitimate because pairs or triplets of Doric columns with entableture atop and nothing to support are manifestly absurd

#### Using the Balustrade

A balustrade added to a building has more to do with determining its apparent scale than any other single feature. Next to the balcony, in this respect, we stion from the wall, with diminishing may rank the chimney. The actual mass set-offs and battered weatherings. The of a chimney naturally has much to do cap opens up a rich field of possible with its relation to the scale of the whole composition. But next to actual physical mass, by which we mean height, breadth and depth or girth, the design and the manner in which the design is and the manner in which the design is manipulated will prove of tremendous influence in the same direction. Let us take a concrete example to explain the working of this truth.

Inigo Jones and his successors often Imgo Jones and his successors often massed a number of flues in one large rectangular shaft without external structural divisions. To keep such shafts from appearing top-heavy and out of scale, as they undoubtedly would have done unless some measure had been taken to prevent it, they had recourse to the principle that the apparent size of a surface is reduced by the introduction within its limits of a pattern or the interruption of lines. Accordingly, they broke up the flat surface by introducing tall, flat pilasters with caps proportioned to their width, by a block cornice pro-

dividual cases and, by their just distri-bution, impart both agreeable emphasis sides being disposed in panels surrounded by enriched moldings; by pilasters at the angles of the shaft with appro-priate caps and bases; or by some simi-lar device calculated to produce the desired diminishing effect.

#### The Base, Shaft and Cap

Contour, to be sure, is closely related to design in the foregoing respect, it is well that we should analyze chimney contour lato its component factors and also review the shapes that may legitl-mately be employed. The three chief exterior features of a chimney are its (1) base, (2) shaft, and (3) cap. The opportunity for manipulating these factories of the control of the contr tors alone is unlimited. In the shapes of shafts we have not only the rectangular, cylindrical and octagonal forms, but sundry variations of these, including even spiral shapes. Besides the rectan-gular base above the roof line, or above the eaves, from which the shaft proper springs, and upon which it may be set obliquely if desired, there is the base built up from the ground as a projectreatments from a mere necking and cornice capping to a deep ornate frieze and battlements or a conical or four-gabled top with a finial or weather-vane surmounting it. Again, for the chimney with an open top, and derived from the foregoing precedents, there is the cover or chimney-pot which may be given no end of forms.

Decoration pure and simple, apart from contour, may be gained by adroit manipulation and combination of ma-terials, by the use of patterned units, by the setting of the units, as, for instance, using herring-bone courses of bricks, by the introduction of panels which may be made to assume almost any form, and by the incorporation of deliberately decorative devices such as sculpture or ormost instances, that the decoration should stress structural lines and occur at base or cap.

## A Group of Adopted Houses

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the god, and go on living happily in the tea take on new qualities from their set-nides of all I he beauty around them, ting, just as coder clinule by the box toward of the little waves breaking being the verifices the river, with the on the beach. For since when has garden fountain splashing in its blue beauty, which is beyond value, been basin, is quite different from any coffee without price? And fences, however served after dinner inside four walls, laden with honeysuckle, however pre- It isn't a very tremendous matter to put clous in the sight of the landscape gar- a table around a tree, or to plant a box dener, are never anything more to a goat than a challenge to get on the other

#### Tea on Smooth Lawns

Gardens and green paint are the two main things that have been added to these old houses. The bright green shutters and balconies give them a gay foreign air, and the gardens and grape ar-bors and box hedges add that gracious sense of a life led outside the house, of tea on smooth lawns, and dinners begun on the terrace when the light is fading and finished by candle light and the first stars that are the charm of so many foreign places and that are fortunately fast becoming noticeably more common in

this country.

Behind the "Chateau Hash" is a pear

served after dinner inside four walls. It isn't a very tremendous matter to put a table around a tree, or to plant a box hedge on the edge of a terrace, but it makes all the difference between the commonplace and the distinguished.

From the balcony of the house the river, which was once the old inn, one gets a sense of the mysterious beauty of the spot—a carved balcony, hidden from the road by syringa and red rambier roses and lilacs. The strange tropical quality of the place, as troubling to the imagination as one of Conrad's stories, the lights of the opposite shore glittering in the branches of the old apple trees across the road, the brilliant silent traffic of the river, the smell of the box and honeysuckle—all these carry one's thoughts, out beyond the wriber rambler roses and lilacs. one's thoughts out beyond the valley and the hills, out to the islands of the South Seas, where the little waves make this country. Behind the "Chateau Hash" is a pear the same noise as the river does here, at tree with a circular table painted bright the bottom of the road, between the tall blue built around its trunk, and marble acate trees, at the landing from which squares from an old floor used as flag in Revolution times Molly Sneeder stones undermeath. Here breakfast and rowed her lares to Dobbs Ferry.

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bog and marsh plants. It is not casy to ensure the continuous moisture which is essential to the well-being of these interesting subjects, but here is one way in which it may be done in almost any location. A basin about 3' deep is dug in the ground and lined with cement, leaving

a hole in the center of the bottom and several near the top, around the sides. The hole at the bottom is closed with a wooden bung, so that it could be

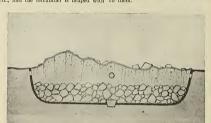
a wooden bung, so that it could be ing season. It would be just as untair used to drain the basin entirely if that to expect these to do well in the open should ever be necessary.

Such a basin can be of any reasonable the sun-loving kinds when planted diameter, a convenient size being of, in the shade. Decide then, what Half the excavation, after the lining has species you wish to grow, and let the set, is filled with broken bricks, stone, site of the artificial bog be congenial etc, and the remainder is heaped with to them.

NE of the most difficult things in soil suitable for the plants to be grown.

flower gardening is the culture of Such an arrangement provides actual bog and marsh plants. It is not bog conditions and the plants should do well. Only in extremely dry weather will it be necessary to give any water in order to keep the soil in the properly

soaked condition. In the matter of locating your bos garden, attention must of course be paid to the requirements of the plants as regards sunlight and shade. Some species grow naturally in dense woods where no sunlight reaches them during the grow-ing season. It would be just as unfair to expect these to do well in the open



The excavation is lined with cement or concrete to make a water-tight receptacle which will keep the plant roots moist

## The Framing of Your Books

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room devoted to this purpose. If possible, the walls should either be paneled used for storage. If this room should
split, of dark, oak, malogancy, cypress happen to be the guest chamber, be
or plain, of dark, oak, malogancy, cypress happen to be the guest chamber, be
will produce a feeling of solidity and ing matter, of varied character. This
richness, keeping the books in harmony does not necessarily mean that it must
with their surroundings. If, however, be the very latest, but of a diverting
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from decorative pattern, the books furrrounder control to the part of the control of the cont ones for wall coverings, but should not quite decorative, and is very convenient from the interest of the books.

The size and height of the room should determine the size-right of the room.

but the effect is much more agreeable, being less formal and severe, when the shelves do not extend to the ceiling.

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built in the openings under the eaves, room restful literature.

nishing the only decoration necessary, introduce a bookshelf, and shelf for a Dull red, old blue, leather brown or candle, into the bed design. A narrow green in soft attractive tones may be shelf over a day bed in the boudoir is

No one possessing numbers of books will question the desirability of a classi-fication of subject matter. Even the kitchen should have its built-in shelves, for recipes and kitchen problems. The In the Attic library would have reference books, and
An attic bedroom can have shelves those of solid reading; and the living





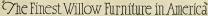
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season or two makes for bet-ter development of tree and crob

## Behind the House Stands the Orchard

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The best white fleshed peaches are Mountain Rose, Stumpp and Carman; in yellow fleshed, Elberta, Crawford Woodmont will be found reliable The Japanese types of plums are by far the most productive; Abundance, Bur-bank, Satsuma and October Purple are all good sorts. Bradshaw, Green Gage and Washington are also dependable varieties. Among grapes, the best black sorts for outdoor culture are Worden and Concord, the former a larger grape than Concord, but not as good a grow-er. Brighton and Catawba are consid-

er. Brighton and Catawba are considered the best red fruited grapes, while in white varieties Niagara is a leader.

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#### Planting the Orchard

The first thing to do is to make little sketch plan of the area available and see how many trees you can fit into the space without crowding. Have them arranged so that the taller trees are on the north side of the garden and con-sequently will not shade the others. Figure the spacing out so that the short lived trees such as peaches will only be fillers which can be taken away when they have outlived their usefulness, leaving a perfectly spaced and well balanced orchard.

To make the orchard a part of the home grounds the small fruits must not be neglected. They give quick returns (some even fruiting the first season) and by proper management they will go on producing indefinitely. Currants, gooseberries, grapes, blackberries and raspberries come under this heading; the two latter are usually trained to wires or stakes, and when handled in this manner are fit subjects for any gar-

den. It is often a good plan to have a border of small fruits around the tree orchard.

Straight rows in the orchard are very necessary. Use a line to lay them out and a measuring stick to make sure all and a measuring suck to make sure all the marking stakes are equidistant. Set the stakes before you start to plant, and in digging the holes for the trees let them be of sufficient size to allow some latitude for crooked stems. The trees when finished should be in perfect

trees when finished shound be in persec-alignment both ways.

There is no secret in proper planting.
Any person of ordinary intelligence who will make a reasonable effort can plant perfectly with little if any actual ex-perience. The holes should be of lib-eral size so there will be abundance of room to spread out the roots in a natural position. The soil in the bottom of the hole should be well prepared and thoroughly enriched to encourage down-ward growth. Set the trees about 1" ward growth. Set the trees about 1" deeper than they were planted at the nursery, and see that the soil is well firmed around the roots to eliminate air pockets. The best plan when preparing for planting is to dig holes about 3' in width and depth, separating the top soil and subsoil in the digging. A little manure or coarse crushed bone should be put at the bottom to add to the health and life of the tree. When refilling, the top soil should be used at the bottom; if enough of it is not available to complete the planting, the subsoil can be used on top. When the trees arrive from the nur

ery they should immediately be "heeled in"—laid on their sides and their roots covered with soil. This will prevent the roots being damaged by the sun or wind, and when planting each tree can be handled separately with no danger of exposure to the others. All broken or mutilated roots must be removed clean, mutilated roots must be removed clean, using a sharp knife or pruning shears; new roots will quickly start from the clean cut. The filling of the holes should be done in small layers, firming each layer with the heel; or when water is available, a thorough puddling is one of the best ways of settling the soil around the roots. In all planning operations the plentiful use of water will avoid unnecessary losses. (Continued on page 72)



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ed to other quarters without receiving a check, so their upper growth should be tural detail. The trees should be sprayed reduced somewhat after they are reset, yearly when dorman with one of the Pruning lessens the strain on the roots soluble oil sprays for the various bark until they have re-established themselves. How severely the tree should be serves. How severely the tree should be condition when it was planted. If it was a long time in transit, or if the roots were badly damaged, it should be severely pruned. In all cases, however, it is advisable to cut back enough to encourage vigorous growth when the sap If you do not intend to spray your trees you may just as well give up the

Trees cannot be lifted and transplant- idea of having an orchard; you cannot to other quarters without receiving a be successful without this necessary culyearly when dormant with one of the soluble oil sprays for the various bark pests such as San José or oyster-shell scale, bark fungi, etc. When they have attained a fruiting size they must be moths and parasites that operate from the inside of the fruit. For this purpose a combination of Bordeaux mixture and arsenate of lead is usually applied. To insure the success of this operation it should be followed by two other thorough sprayings at intervals of about three weeks.

## Keep It Cool in a Good Refrigerator

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type of which is the burnt-in vitreous 58 or 60 degree porcelain in several layers on a metal tain 50 degrees. backing. These linings must be made in one piece with no seams. and seamless are quite different in their implication. "No seams" is what it seems to indicate, but seamless means a camouflage of joints. Joints and seams are food and odor entrappers and pre-sage disease and death. Many of the advertised enamel interiors are made of nothing but paint heated, not burnt-in, which therefore flakes off or grases (cracks form) and falls into the food, which of course is not a particularly epicurean sort of truffle!

The doors, too, must be seamless, jointless, screwless and smooth.

The shelves and other partitions must be of smooth, heavily tinned wire mesh Smooth to prevent accumulation of food; and the wire mesh to insure rapid and unimpeded circulation of air.

#### The Nine Points

Therefore, to preserve the sanitation of the home and the consequent sanity of the world before buying a refrigerator the following Nine Points should be laid before the Kitchen Diplomatic Ta-

1. Does it: Maintain a low and uniform temperature?

Maintain a pure atmosphere?
 Appear to keep absolutely sani-

4. Seem to be built to keep perfect circulation and an absence from odors?

5. Keep free from moisture?

Seem built to be economical in ice consumption? 7. Have a system to insure perfect

drainage 8. Contain a porcelain lining in pro-

vision chamber?

9. And does it seem to be built for durability as well as for beauty?

The Insulation

Points.

How for instance is a minimum tem-perature to be kept? Chiefly, by insu-lation—this is a strictly mechanical term understood by motorists and engineers and must be understood by the housewife, who is a domestic or kitchen engineer if she is anything. The low temperature is kept by keeping out the outside heat and keeping in the inside cold! After much experiment, it has been found that the walls, floors and doors of every refrigerator must have at least one air space, from six to nine layers of insulating material consisting of pebbled cork, or certain patented ma-terials, mineral wool, asbestos and various layers of porous substances which keep out the outer warm air and pre-vent the cold air from escaping. (See illustration.) Well insulated refrigera-

smooth, hard, non-porous, non-warp- tors backed up against boilers, stoves or able, non-rustable material, the best vats maintain a temperature far below 58 or 60 degrees; some, the best, main-

#### As to Ice Chambers

The ice compartment should be above. and to one side, so that the cold air from the melting ice can descend, as is the custom of cold air, and can rise again as it gets heated in its contact with the provisions and pass up over the ice, be cooled and pass down again with its collected odors through the drain. This is what is called air circulation, and when the ice box is properly constructed, and when the ice compartment is kept full, the air is in constant motion, traveling over and over again up and down and around the food and

This constant activity of the is what insures an odorless condition, unmouldy and cold food.

In the best refrigerators the ice cham-ber extends a few inches below the door and is lined with the highest grade of smooth galvanized metal, lock jointed, and is without seams and sharp edges.

In some refrigerators the wall between the ice compartment and the provision chamber is slatted, in some there is a chamber is slatted, in some there is a space at the top, in others, holes are bored, top and bottom, to permit the free egress of the circulating air. These methods are good in varying degrees. The main things to be kept in mind are:

1. Does the air circulate enough to

prevent any moisture accumulating in the refrigerator? Can salt be kept dry and granular in it for one hundred hours

Does the refrigerator keep below 60 degrees, or better between 45 and 50 degrees? Will a damp cloth dry quicker inside than outside of it, because of the rapid circulation and dryness of the air?

3. Do matches keep dry and can they be lighted by being struck on its walls? (This shows whether the ice box is And now about enforcing the Nine dry!)

4. Does the milk taste of cheese or the butter of the soup? If they have any "acquired traits," you may be sure the circulation of air in your refrigerator is bad or else there are seams or grases in the tile, holding odors in their grip. Tiles and other beautiful interiors have Tiles and other beautiful interiors have in many instances been discarded by many makers because of their brittleness or pertinacious grip on odors—which, in the form of gases, poison foods and hence the family! Opal glass has been dropped because of its fragility in lighter weights. There are, however, some manufacturers who use tile with excellent result

Another important feature is the drain pipe, more important almost than the exhaust on the motor. If this pipe is not constructed solely to carry off odors and waste materials from the cleanest (See ice and not to import insects, gases

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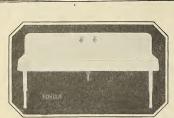


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## Keep It Cool in a Good Refrigerator

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and warm air from the sewage of the town, it will collect a very tidy packet the material and rinse out the refriger of typhoid, diphtheria or any home ator. Refill it with ice and keep the seeking germs. This drain ought therefore to have a water-sealed trap in it, it should be smooth, of hard, well-fin-ished metal and be so simply cleaned that the kitchen maid, or whoever is delegated to perform the laving of this important part of the household, should not look forward to the performance

with horror, but with a sense of ease.

There isn't a doubt that a faulty
drain in the refrigerator has caused more

typhoid than anything else. Think what it means then to be a good kitchen engineer-what service one can render one's family! Few homekeepers realize the necessity of under-standing the underlying principles of air circulation, sanitation and germination but what a lot of misery could be avoided if the chatelaine or even the wife-cook had a little technical knowledge. How this would dignify the science of the home. And yet how lightly is the function of home-keeper assumed. and how many brainy women look down upon it!

How to Use a Refrigerator

But if you have everything to assure perfection in refrigeration and know not how to use it, it is as if you had none at all

Note this amendment to the nine points

points:

1. Keep your ice chamber full, even after July 1st. It saves ice and preserves your food. The circulating air will only go "over the top" as far as the bulk of ice drives; i.

2. Never put any food in the ice compartment. It must play an infinite soli-

3. Keep the doors shut, and open them as little as possible.

door shut at least six hours. And remember sufficiency of ice insures efficiency of refrigeration and efficiency of refrigeration means a sufficiency in expenditure-for a refrigerator.

Water coils can be put in some ice chambers which connect directly with the water supply. In this way the water can be kept continuously cool for drinking under all conditions of out-

side temperature The outside of the ice box should be of hard wood or porcelain, the hard-ware of the best, including lever door

Back doors for filling the ice box can Back doors for filling the fee box can be set so that the ice can be put in from the outside of the ice house, room, pantry or kitchen. This avoids useless handling and melting of the ice and obviates the iceman's journey through

the hous And, above all, choose a refrigerator that has no unnecessary "improvements" in the ice chamber which have to be in the ice chamber which have to be taken out and scalded. The easier it can be rinsed from within the more often the attendants will clean it! And remember this, too, that an ice box is a cooler where the ice and pro-

visions go in the same chamber, while the refrigerator-well, you know it all now

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portant place which garden furniture holds in the plans we develop. Not only the useful benches, arbors and garden seats, but the more esthetic sundial and simple fountain have of late years been developed to a high point of excellence in design

Of all the many articles of garden fur-niture which the last decade or so has taught us to use, none quite fills the place of a suitable bird bath. I say suitable advisedly, for the bird bath should be chosen not only for the harmony of its appearance in our particular garden scheme, but also because of its practical adaptability for use by the However ornamental a bird bath may be, if the birds do not use it its

chief purpose is gone. Aside from being so placed that the birds will not hesitate to come to itand it is often surprising how close to human beings and houses our robins, thrushes, song sparrows, wrens and talls as the other desirable insectivorous birds will will make fearlessly approach when attracted by water-the bird bath must meet certain structural requirements. Its diameter and height above the ground matter little, but its depth is of vital impor-tance. Birds dislike deep water—watch one at the brookside and see how shallow a spot he chooses for his shower. The basin of the bath, then, should

THE further we proceed in the study slope very gradually toward the center, a less professional term, "laying out the more than \( \frac{1}{2} \). Into such a basin a grounds"—the better we realize the imbird can walk until he reaches the depth which best suits his particular whim.

The actual design of the bath matters little, so far as its utility is concerned. The majority consist of a simple basin of concrete or artificial stone, mounted on a pedestal 3' or 4' high, the whole being rather classical in design. These fit well in almost any garden scheme. more formal, pretentious plans, baths in which a central fountain, and other ornamental features are incorporated may well be chosen. Some pro-vision should always be made, however, for a suitable perch from which the birds can step directly into the water. Such a perch may be no more than the rim of the actual basin; or, as in the case of a design which has recently been developed, it may consist of little plat-forms, or perches, in the bowl, sloping down from just above the surface of

Attention to such small structural details as these which I have mentioned will make the difference between a bath which birds will use and one which they will not. Few indeed are the suburban homes where a properly made basin will not be patronized. In fact, its presence will prove a distinct attraction to birds which otherwise might pass your garden by, or visit it merely as casual instead of regular guests.

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## My Friends the Builtmores

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now are going to be just that much cleverest arrangement, a sort of figure ahead of the game." He said the pross- four method of framing that would pective home-builders of today were like save cords and cords of wood and ala lot of children standing about the mouth of a cave in the woods. Inside is old High-Cost-of-Building, a sort of monster about whom they have only the vaguest idea. And Jack said he was going in and bat the brute over the

Really we all got so enthusiastic about building that John Tibbets even went so far as to sketch a bungalow on Sally's priceless linen, and I felt terribly guilty at having nothing but a hen-house in frost is out of the ground, I shall start my mind. But Mr. Naylor was per- my hen-house. In fact, plans are being fectly charming. He showed me the drawn already.

save cords and cords of wood and al-most do away with foundations. It sounded a little teeter-y—the whole thing was balanced on posts in the middle and I had visions of beautiful fresh-eggs being smashed to bits—but woulg un and but the brute over the he says it's perfectly practical and that brow with a blue-print. That's right," said Mr. Naylor. "Ten nowadays can be more than compenso one he'll turn out to be no bigger sated for by careful selentific planning; in other words, by aethine down to other words, by aethine down to

brass-tacks.
Sally and Jack are all enthusiasm,
which I modestly share with them. For I have fully declared that as soon

## Protection Against Lightning

In world generally has advocated the need of the protection of houses, barns, and other property against light-ning, and experience has now proved conclusively that when the equipment to secure this protection is carefully and intelligently selected and installed the protection afforded is almost complete. In view of this experience many insur-ance companies, make lower rates for In view of this experience many insur-nance companies make lower rates for protected buildings, while some com-panies will not insure an unprotected recommends the protection of all im-portant farm buildings where thunder-storms are frequent, particularly when human or valuable animal life is in-volved. The best type of equipment should be used when practicable, al-though almost any kind of an instatcable, all fact no one should expose himself or In fact no one should expose himself or his property to lightning, since good protection is available for a moderate outlay of money. The insurance comoutlay of money. The insurance com-pany may reimburse the owner for the money value represented by a building that is destroyed by lightning, but the property is nevertheless destroyed and property is nevertheless destroyed and represents a waste, while life can not be restored. Moreover, a long period of time may elapse before a destroyed building can be replaced. The loss of a Dunning can be replaced. The loss of a hand, it the building was unrodded, the farm building will almost surely cause stroke would probably cause damage; inconvenience and generally an actual hence it is advisable to protect all building money loss, even when the building is ings that are either valuable themselves insured. Again, many persons experi- or house valuable contents.

FOR over a century the scientific ence an exaggerated fear during thunder-world generally has advocated the storms, and therefore greatly prefer to need of the protection of houses, occupy a protected dwelling in which barns, and other property against light-they feel and really are more secure, ining, and experience has now proved To such persons the avoidance of this intense discomfort, apart from the safe-

intense discomfort, apart from the safe-guarding of the property, justifies the installation of an adequate system. The presence of a system of lightning conductors on a building serves in a small way to discharge the electricity silently during storms, and thus slightly to decrease the intensity and number of strokes of lightning. But there are times when the accumulation of attraction of the times when the accumulation of a time earlist and conductors on one building, or even on many buildings reconned time. even on many buildings grouped together, are entirely insufficient to pre-vent strokes, as is obvious from the fact that trees are struck in the midst of forests. The points and conductors on buildings on such occasions merely serve to direct the stroke to the ground so that only a minimum of damage occurs. It is sometimes stated that lightning

conductors are undesirable because they "draw lightning." That may be true to a slight extent. A violent stroke of lightning that otherwise would come near to a conductor on a building would very likely be diverted to it and pass to the ground harmlessly. On the other hand, if the building was unrodded, the

#### Housing Plants

under a hedge, or to afford such temporary protection as can be readily and inexpensively provided by a batten framework over which canvas or mats are laid when required. This particularly applies to chrysanthemums. The flowering of a batch of these plants nowering of a battch of these plants should always be retarded as long as possible, but it is usual to see them housed much earlier than need be.

Of course, the time of housing is only one of the details which repay close attention. There are commonly too many

AT the end of the house plant season plants in greenhouses. Far better re-there are always losses among ten-der plants due to their being put duction of their numbers at the expense der plants use to the control of the poorer special of the poorer special of the control of the hardwooded plants in particular requir-ing a well-defined season of rest. Even such plants as perpetual flowering car-nations, from which winter results are required, must have carefully studied gentle treatment, or utter failure will result. In some gardens, with heried houses, there is a waste of fuel, which is not only bad economy; but does actual harm to the plants. Modern greenhouses have been greatly improved in the matter of containing much less non-transparent roof material than for-

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#### Poultry Hints

stock, turkeys and ducks as well stock, turkeys and ducks as well as chickens, from the hot sun. If there is no natural shade, it may be necessary to make an awning from feed bags or canvas. Some poultrymen plant sunflowers for shade and others use Jerusalem artichokes, which may be grown in the poultry yards, as the hens will not touch the leaves. Permanent shade may be provided by planting fruit trees, but it is well to wrap the lower part of the trunks with burlap or better still to place wire protectors around them, for the fowls are likely to strip off the bark. Peach trees grow rapidly in the hen yard, but are likely to be soft because of the excessive feeding. Perhaps plum trees are the best of all for poultry runs, for they are almost sure to thrive and the hens will eat the curculio which is one of the common pests damaging to the fruit.

It the chickens have an abundance of green food, a considerable saving in the grain bill will be made. The ideal plan is to have a grass run, but when that is not possible, lawn clippings and waste vegetables from the garden should be vegetables from the gatter should be fed freely. A few short rows of rape may be planted especially for the chickens and will last most of the summer, for when the tops are cut off it grows for when the tops are cut off it grows up again. It is wise, too, to sow mangel-wurzel beets for feeding next winter. Few vegetables keep better. If lawn clippings are plentiful, it may be worth while drying them and then storing them in barrels for winter use.

In the open country where the chickens have a wide rarge there is catried.

In the open country where the chick-ens have a wide range, there is certain to be considerable loss from hawks, especially if a white breed is kept, for white chickens on the green grass make shining marks. It is an excellent plan, when possible, to allow the youngsters to true in the corn for them there will. to run in the corn, for then they will have complete protection. Piles of brush here and there also offer places of refuge and it is well to have a few guinea hens about to give warning.

It is more essential than many people

It is more essential than many people realize to have plenty of cool water available at all times. The chicks must have it if they are to grow well, and hens must have it if they are to lay well, for eggs consist largely of water.

As the weather gets warm it becomes Several kinds of automatic watering denecessary to protect the young vices are on the market, by the aid of

vices are on the market, by the aid of which much labor is avoided. It is commonly thought that when chickens have a wide range they pick up enough bugs and worms to provide them with all the meat they need, but this is seldom the case. It is always well to keep a hopper of beef scraps where the youngsters can have access to it at all times, unless, of course, a dry mash containing meat or fish is used. This is not the time of year to give fresh meat, however, and it is im-portant to make sure the beef scraps are not tainted.

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#### Turkeys and Guinea Fowl

Turkeys thrive on a wide range with plenty of grass land, but the poults must not be allowed to trail through

must not be allowed to trail through the grass when it is wet either with rain or dew. After the young turkeys shoot the red they become strong and hardy, but up to that age they are very deleate.

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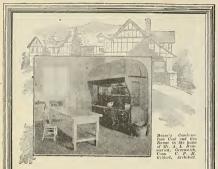
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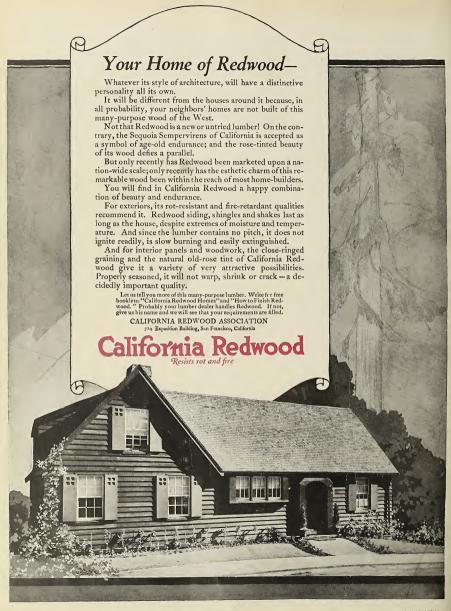
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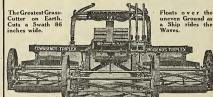
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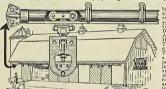
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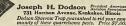
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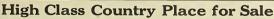
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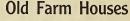


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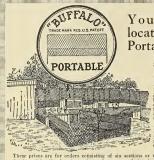
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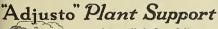
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Of further interest to small house builders is the article on the bedroom, choicely furnished with articles that come at moderate prices. Also there is the article by Elizabeth



A Dutch Colonial house, with sweeping roof, in the July issue

Leonard Strang on the garden for the small house—three types of gardens to cost not more than \$100 each, including heavy labor.

From Prof. Traquair's article on French-Canadian cottage architecture can be gathered endless suggestions for the small gathered endless suggestions for the small house; and the sketches of an Italian sort of house, designed by W. R. Bajari, show a simple plan that is effective. And then, for the man who wants to study a hard problem, comes "Plumbing in the Small House," by the engineer who designed the House," by the engineer who designed the plumbing in the government community homes. If a garage is contemplated, you may find some suggestions in the two dearways and some suggestions in the two dearways are supported by the support of the suppo

and the new designs in handwrought hard-

Finally, you may have heard of the Government embargo against the importation of certain plants. F. F. Rockwell tells you what to substitute, in an article on American grown stock for America.

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### JUNE SHADOW AND SUNSHINE

The elusiveness of Spring has gone, passed with the inconstancies of April, the swift upward rush of May. Comes now the season of Nature's stability, the sequel to her long weeks of vacillation. For the sprin of Iune is a tangible thing. One can grasp it, and grasping, feel that here is a definite tonic for the soul. It awaits us

in divers forms—in the ripe greens of expanded leaves, in blue skies above flowery meadows, in the voice of the brook among rocks. Most of all do we find it at the woods edges, the borderland of light and shade. Here dwells June herelf, for she is the month of sunshine and shadows, of warm airs and cool and refreshing breezes



#### THE FIFTY BEST CLIMBING ROSES

As Selected After Several Years of Tests and Experiments With Upward of Two Hundred and Fifty Varieties-Characteristics, Culture and Uses

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LIMBING roses have claimed the attention of every great hybridizer since their introduction, but it is during the past twenty years that the greatest improvement has been made. Here in our own country, the results obtained by such men as Captain George C. Thomas, Jr., and Dr. Van Fleet are shining examples of our progress along these lines.

The aim which I believe has acted as a great incentive to these men is to produce an everblooming climber-that is to say, a rose in which are combined the strong climbing characteristics of the wichuraiana type, with the persistent blooming qualities of the tea and hybrid tea. While, so far as my researches go, this has never actually been accomplished, some of Capt. Thomas's seedlings give wonderful promise in this re-

spect. It has been my good fortune to observe many of them in the testing ground, and of these, at least one is more or less free blooming throughout the summer. It has not, however, developed the long, vigorous shoots that are generally associated with a typical climbing rose.

#### Climbing Hybrid Teas

After some years of observation and testing I do not regard the many climbing forms of hybrid teas and teas as desirable, with perhaps one or two exceptions (notably Climbing Lady Ashtown), simply because they do not rank as climbers. If some of them do succeed in sending up a few long shoots, then such plants are invariably very shy in blooming. Climbing Lady Ashtown is an exception; there is a splendid specimen in the vicin-

ity of Philadelphia, fully 12' to 15' tall, trained in pillar form and literally covered with wonderfully fine flowers which are just as shapely and colorful as the bush form. After the spring burst, this variety will give a scattering of blooms in September, and so it is worthy of a place even in a small garden.

If the climbing hybrid teas are pruned as

severely as is necessary in the wichuraiana and multiflora classes, they will very often refuse to develop any long shoots, reverting in fact to the bush form. Therefore I would advise but very slight pruning of this class unless some strong basal or side shoots are apparent, in which case the oldest wood can be cut away to that point.

The comparatively limited blooming season

of the average climbing rose, approximately ten to fourteen days, may be responsible for their lack of popularity among the avowed bush-rose lovers. To many, therefore, it will come as a pleasant surprise to know that it is easily possible by careful selection of even as few as twelve varieties, to obtain a constant succession of flowers for almost two months.

It was the search for this information that prompted me to make daily observations of over two hundred and fifty varieties, generally listed as climbers, covering a period of four seasons. Even during the first season it became apparent that synonyms were plentiful and some kinds were decidedly useless as climbers. Unfortunately also, many have been introduced in which I have been unable to de-

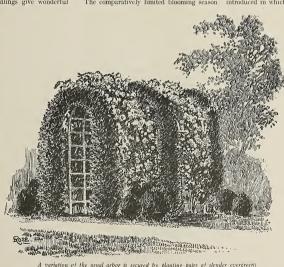
tect even one redeeming feature and so have marked them to discard. Please remember that in this matter, as well as through the rest of the present article, I am speaking of my own personal experiences and observations.

#### Deceptive Names

Of these culls, to show how little faith we should attach to names, I might mention:

Non Plus Ultra (Mult.), introduced by Weigand in 1905, which has a most distasteful muddy purple color and miserable foliage; and Paradise (Wich.), introduced by Walsh in 1907. This is a decidedly inferior form of American Pillar, lacking the bright, snappy rose shade, good growth and nice foliage.

Strange to say, among those on my list of discard are two varieties that have been highly re-



A variation of the usual arbor is secured by planting pairs of slender evergreens such as arborvita, trained and tied to galvanized iron arches, in such a way that they form divisions between the rose lattices proper. By this scheme a pleasing year-round effect is obtained

commended by at least two authorities. I refer to:

Graf Zeppelin (Mult., Boehm, 1909), which I have noted each year as having small dirty pink flowers and poor foliage which soon drops; and The Wallflower . (Mult., Paul, 1901). While this latter variety has distinct red flowers, the color almost immediately blues when the sun peeps at them and it becomes one of the much abhorred magenta shades. Further, it is a shy bloomer and has but poor foliage.

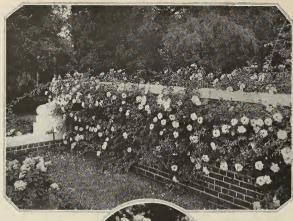
On the other hand I note that Captain Thomas has discarded François Gillot and Snowdrift, both of which have with me been gorgeous each year when covered with their snow-white blanket of flowers. In each case also the foliage

Why not use Gardenia, wny not use Gardenia, or one of the other good cream colored climbing roses, along that red brick wall? Good foliage as well as blossoms should be sought

is distinctly beautiful-the ear-mark of a good garden rose. So unusually striking have they been that one Snowdrift has found a place in the twelve essential climbers, and the other is included in the first twenty-five. In comparing notes I have found other such differences of opinion, formed under different conditions.

#### Influence of Conditions

Much evidently depends on situation, soil and climatic conditions, as to whether any variety will show up to perfection. In the test under consideration, however, every rose was grown under exactly similar conditions so that it seems just to judge by comparison as a class. I have found the distinctly wichuraiana hybrids much superior to the multiflora hybrids



Tausendschön is an old favorite among the multiflora climbers. Its flowers are semi-double, ranging in color from bright pink to pure white, deepening with age

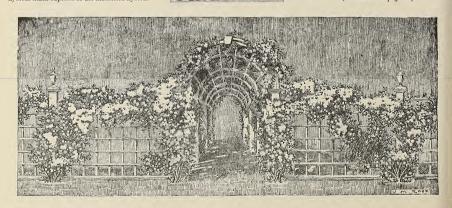
and other types not only in the texture of petals but in the foliage which is generally of a beautiful deep green, very shiny and quite leathery. This last characteristic renders the class as a whole almost proof against insect pests and diseases, an asset that is by no means to be overlooked.

It was principally on account of bad foliage that the well known Crimson Rambler was discarded in favor of Excelsa. This latter variety, a hybrid wichuraiana, although of comparatively recent introduction, has already won its way by sheer merit into popularity (for a climbing Indeed. I rose). have often come across instances where it has been sent out for the Crimson Rambler,

but it never fails to prove its superiority. In color it is decidedly brighter and the flower has more petals that hold their color; but the greatest improvement is seen in the lustrous foliage which is retained in good condition until late fall. While selection is largely a matter of personal taste, I have presumed to list fifty varieties that have in the four consecutive seasons just passed consistently given better satisfaction than the balance. Moreover, these fifty cover practically the whole flowering season of the climbing rose.

#### Continuity of Bloom

In order to obtain this continuity of flowering, some favorites, blooming with the majority, (Continued on page 74)





THE notes which follow are compiled from exhaustive tests covering a period of four years. In considering the results it is well to remember that they were obtained in the latitude of New York City and would not necessarily apply in all details in other sections and under different conditions. Those roses which are marked "winter kills" were killed back to root by the unusually severe winter of 1917-18, a season considerably colder than the average in this region. The varieties noted as being hardy survived that winter and consequently may be considered highly coldresistant. The time of blooming varies approximately six days for every fifty miles' difference in latitude. Varieties prefixed by the figure 1 are considered especially good; those marked 2 are the next choices. A wise selection of a dozen or so will result in successive blooms for nearly two months.



Blooms

June 1- 7 1—Miss Helyett—(wich.) Winter kills. Fauque, 1908. Large double, blush with carmine shading. Strong, good foliage. Long season. Good stems.

May Queen—(wich.) Hardy. Conard & Jones, 1899. Deli-cate pink. Foliage good, weak grower. Fascinating color,

with crimped petals.

Neige d'Avril—(mult.) Hardy. Small pure white flowers, profuse, semi-double. Prominent yellow stamens. Foli-

age fair.

Ghislaine de Feligonde—(mult.) Hardy. Turbot, 1916. Prac-tically thornless. Bud orange. Flower cream when open, foliage fair. Medlum growth, very long season. Purple East—(mult.) Hardy. Paul, 1901. Rosy pink with over color of mauve. Wonderful color in early morning. June 7-14

Semi-double, large, free. Foliage only fair.

2—Francois Guillot (wich.) Winter kills. Barbier, 1907. Double white. Free, vigorous. Foliage very good. Shaded yel-low in bud. Long blooming season.

June 14-24

low in bud. Long blooming season.
Paul's Scarlet Climber—(wish, Hardy, Paul, 1916. Large, vivid scarlet shaded crimson. Fine large foliage. Vigorous, unusually fine color that holds well.
Silver Moon—(mult.) Winter kills. Henderson, 1910. Very large semi-double, almost S\*. Pure white, yellow stamens. Buds tinged yellow, foliage unusually good. Strong, but some years fails to bloom.

1—Christine Wright—(H. P.) Hardy. Hoopes & Thomas, 1913.
Rose pink tinged yellow. Good form, fragrant. Good
texture. Color lasts, long period of bloom.
Zephirin Drouhln—(Hybrid Bourbon.) Hardy. Bizot, 1868.
Large single flower, wonderful silvery rose color. Petals wavy. Long season, strong bushy growth.

2—Baroness von Ittersum—(Multiflora) Hardy. Leenders, 1910. Bright red foliage. Fairly free bloomer. Some 1910. Bright red foliage. Fairly free bloomer. Some consense of the foliage. Fairly free bloomer. Some Large flowers, semi-double. Rosy salmon. Good foliage. Large flowers, semi-double. Rosy salmon. Good foliage. Shaped file HT.; il ba c clear pink form of Dr. Van Fleet. Climbing Lady Ashtown—(HT.) Hardy. Bradley, 1909. Free for HT. Vlgorous. Beat climbing HT. Has long

race for II.1. vigorous. Best climbing H.T. Has long spring season and a few autumn flowers. Alberic Barbier—(wich.) Winter kills. Barbier, 1900. Buds yellow, flowers cream, foliage good. Young shoots bronze, Good color until it fades.

1—Paul Nocl—(wich.) Hardy. Hanne, 1913. Large double, 2"-3". Bud carmine; open, deep salmon, splashed orange. Wonderful color and foliage. Long season.

2—Elisa Robino—(wich.) Hardy Barbler, 10.2. Delicate
2—Elisa Robino—(wich.) Hardy Barbler, 10.0 very good.
Challlon Rambher—(wich.) Hardy. Nonin, 1913. Pele
torles, free, strong good foliage. Similar in form and habit
to Dorothy Perkins but a shade lighter.
Gerbe Rose—(wich.) Hardy. Large double. Clear pink,

strong, good foliage. 1—Gardenia—(wich.) Hardy. Manda, 1899. Bud yellow, flower cream. Good foliage, vigorous, free.

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2—Rence Danielle—(wich, ) Hardy, Guillot, 1913. Deep yellow in bud, pale yellow open. Very large and double.
Small, isolated clusters, very line foliage.
Mme. August Nonin—(wich.) Hardy. Nonin, 1912. Double,
many-crose. Vigorous, good foliage, lasts well.

Electra—(multiflora.) Winter kills. Veitch, 1900. Deep salmon pink heavily shaded. Foliage good. Color fades but veins become more pronounced.

2—Ida Klemm—(mult.) Half winter kills. Walter, 1907. Large double, cream. Fragrant. Good form, fine foliage, long blooming season.

2—Tausendschön—(mult.) Hardy. Schmidt, 1907. Semi-double, bright pink to pure white. Color deepens in dull weather and with age. Foliage fair.

Blooms

July 1-7

Blush Rambler—(mult.) Hardy. B. R. Cant, 1903. Clear rose, free, good growth. Good, fast color, center turns paler when old. Tune 24-30

paler when old.
2—Klondyke-(wich.) Winter kills. G. Paul, 1911. Yellow bud, flowers paler. Vigorous, free, foliage good.
1–Source dOr.—(wich.) Hardy. Turbat, 1912. Buds bright yellow; open, pale yellow, large. Very faintly tinged blush. Vigorous, foliage very good.
Sanders' White—(wich.) Hardy. Sanders, 1912. Double, pure white, very free. Long season, glossy foliage, pure white, very free. Long season, glossy foliage,

vigorous.

2—Dr. W. Van Fleet—(wich.) Half winter kill. Henderson, 1908. Flesh pink. Good form, foliage very good. Vigorous, fragrant.

1—American Pillar (mult.) Half winter kill. Conard & Jones, 1909. Rose pink, light centers, good foliage and growth. Flowers freely and regularly.

1—Marie Lovett—(wich.) Half winter kill. Large, double, pure white; fine shape, vigorous. Foliage very good. Fragrant, large, waxy petals prettily curled. Beautiful bud of H.T.

Debutante—(wich.) Hardy, Walsh, 1901. Soft light pink.
Variable. Vigerous, foliage good. Very large clusters.
Adelaide Moulle—(wich.) Hardy. Barbier, 1902. Coppery
salmon, double. Foliage good, strong. Small but pretty
flowers in clusters. Fades in bright weather.

2—Evergreen Gem—(wich.) Hardy. Manda, 1899. Cream, free, fragrant. Vigorous, foliage very good. Faint blush center when open.

1—Hiawatha—(wich.) Hardy. Walsh, 1904. Single. Rich scarlet, vigorous, free. Foliage good.

Scallet, vigorous, according to the Coronation—(wich.) Hardy. Turner, 1912. Vivid crimson-scarlet, lighter stripes. Very free. Large strusses. Strong,

scarrer, igainer stripes, very free. Large strusses. Strong, foliage good.
Francois Juranville—(wich.) Winter kills. Barbier, 1906.
Salmon, large, double. Foliage good.
Jean Girin—(wich.) Hardy, Girin, 1910. Salmon, double,

free, vigorous, foliage good.

Sodenia—(with.) Hardy. Weigand, 1911. Very bright scar-let, with lighter edges. Fre, strong, good foliage. Ernst Grandpierre—(with.) Hardy. Weigand, 1900. Double white, small. Free, vigorous, good foliage. Cleaner white than White Dorothy.

1—Dorothy Dennison—(wich.) Hardy. Dickson, 1907. Creamy pink. Vigorous, good foliage. Very double. Fast color, deeper in dull weather. Habit like D. Perkins. Synon,

Lady Godiva.

2—Excelsa—(wich.) Hardy. Walsh, 1909. Crimson. Vigorous, free, good foliage. Brighter than crimson rambler and has decidedly better foliage.

2—Evangeline—(wich.) Hardy. Walsh, 1907. Single, blush, pretty shape. Free, vigorous, flowers large, color variable.

1—Dorothy Perkins—(witch.) Hardy. Perkins, 1901. Rose pink. Double, vigorous, free. Foliage good. White Dorothy—(wich.) Hardy. Paul Cant, 1908. The white counterpart of Dorothy Perkins.

1—Snowdrift—(wich.) Hardy. 1910. Pure white double flow-crs, large clusters. Very free, vigorous growth. Good foliage.

1—Gruss an Freundorf—(wich.) Hardy. Praskac, 1913. Deep crimson, light center. Semi-double, vigorous, exception-July 7-14 ally fine color.

Leontine Gervais—(wich.) Winter kills. Barbier, 1 Nasturtium red, free, good growth, foliage and color.

2—Mrs. M. H. Walsh—(wich.) Hardy. Walsh, 1912. Pure white, small, free, vigorous. Foliage good, flowers very evenly distributed. Grows very tall.





In the extenses hall a hungan of old Italian Fillation is a background for two backing angles, attributed by Sienner attist to Jacopo della Quercia of Sienna. The cheet on which they stand is old Italian. The only modern touch in the grouping are the two pictures: which are arrangements of fruits and vegetables in old Italian wases done by Mrs. Potter after the manner of Della Robbia

ROOMS in the NEW YORK APARTMENT of MRS. FRANK HUNTER POTTER

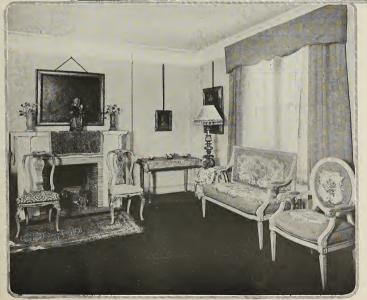
A corner of the "powder blue" room shoves a set of Jour projets for 16th Century Halian tapestries. The walls are painted deep powder blue and glazed, the woodwork is black. Italian damask in blue is used with the chines explow glass curtains, the whole forming an unusual scheme



As a reaction from drab war times, Mrs. Potter has made ker bedroom a place of gaiety and color. The walls are tinted dove gray, the chintz in curtains, (rose lined) and on the furniture is an 18th Century French design withing. Center of bod cover and dressing able kanging are old blue taffeta



A remarkable collection of family heirloom gives the during room particle of the family and the family and the family and the family and the family the family



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THE other evening a well-known American playwright stood on the steps of a New York club watching the theatre crowds pass. It was shortly after eight o'clock and the str ets and pavements were packed with men and women, boys and girls hurrying to reach their theatres before the curtain rose. They pushed one another aside. Motors jockeyed for position. Women dodged in and out between traffic. All rushing with a great frenzy as though driven by the dread of an invisible and terrible Something.

For a long time the playwright watched them, then he remarked, "In my youthful vanity I used to think that people went to the theatre to be amused, but I am beginning to believe that they go because they are afraid to be alone. They haven't enough mental furniture to make their lives livable, haven't enough thoughts or resourcefulness or amusements in their own homes to keep off the devils of ennui. They're bored with themselves and with each other. They wouldn't dare stay home alone for seven nights in succession—they'd go stark, raving

mad."

Perhaps an exaggeration, but there's a world of truth in that remark, Discontent is on us like the plague. It is eating the vital tissues of our American life. Sentimentalists used to think that the war would sober the American people into being content with their lives at home. Some fanatics think that legislative prohibition will do it. Nonsense, The change has to start within. Contentment, like charity, begins on the lee-side of the doormat. The only possible solution for this wild flight from ennui and fear is to get inter-

ested in your home, to develop its

resources and yours.

AT the present moment many people are worrying about Bolshevism or, rather, worrying lest we have a repetition here in America of the slaughter and pillage that accompanied the establishment of Bolshevism in Russia. Theoretically there are some excellent ideas in the Bolshevist program; there are also some terrible evils. The great weakness with the Russian program is that the ideals cannot be put into the working without the evils. One of these evils is the utter abolition of the home and property. The Bolshevist constitution couldn't last ten minutes in a country where the people own their own homes. Bolshevism is a religion of tenants. The man who owns his own home, who works in his own garden and reaps the fruits of decent labor has no desire to overthrow those in authority or take from his neighbor the good things he has acquired through years of work. Authority preserves property. Own your own home, plant your own garden, pay your share of the taxes, take your part in the community life-and Bolshevism will fade like a bad dream at dawn.

The solution of any Bolshevik tendencies that may be haunting the American people is found in that excellent "Own Your Own Home" movement.

AND having acquired your own home, what? Be content with

Contentment is not a stifling of ambition, a refuge of lazy minds. Philosophers in all ages have discovered it to be the touchstone of life. Marcus Aurelius and old Solomon both arrived at this conclusion after the discipline of bitter experience. Start in and see what

your capacities are, they say. Get to know yourself. See what you can do. Before you know it you'll discover a hobby or a taste for this or that which will satisfy you thoroughly. The old mad flight from ennui will cease. You'll no longer be afraid to be alone.

Contentment breeds on activity. Activity clears the mind, just as water purifies itself by moving. The stagnant mind is the discontented mind. Seven successive stagnant nights after labor will eventually

make a man afraid to be alone with himself.

THE activities of a contented man may be legion. His family suffice for him. And in the majority of cases he pursues a hobby or some creative or cultural interest. Books furnish one, music another, collecting a third-these three are the great trinity of contentment.

Can you imagine Charles M. Schwab being bored with himself? Charlie Schwab is one of the best amateur organists in America. So is John Wanamaker, and the dream of John Wanamaker's life is to give an organ concert. I could fill this page with the names of prominent Americans who are accomplished amateur musicians-men of huge interests and great responsibilities who find in music an untiring solace and amusement.

One bright light on the horizon is the return of music as a family custom. Mr. George Eastman, of kodak fame, maintains an orchestra in his house, and there are hundreds of families this land over who are discovering enough musical talent in their own family circle to furnish

homemade musicales. For those who cannot play or sing, there are

the player-piano and the talking machine. Really, when you come to think of it, the American people should lead the world as musiclovers, so great are their advantages in their own homes.

With the library facilities at the command of all, it is also a marvel that the American people are not the best read in the world. But reading takes time and thought, it requires a certain sense of ease. It can breed contentment only after one has become initiated into that noble company of those to whom books are friends. And yet, it is amazing the number of houses one can find in America-homes of well-to-do folk who own motor cars and wear smart clothes-where books are not to be found and read-

ing is as a lost art. The collecting hobby needs no bush. The custom is growing. Each day brings to House & GARDEN evidences of the spreading interest in collecting antiques and curios. That way lies contentment. For the collector must necessarily be a student of his subject-and once one begins to study a subject ennui flies out the window.

N OW these three breeders of contentment — music, books and collecting-are cultural matters. One does not make money by them; in fact, the less commercial they are, the more happiness one can derive from them. They require activity to maintain, but it is a different sort of activity with which one drives through the ordinary day's work. Therein lies their power of attraction for busy men and women and the peculiar soothing tendency they have on the mind. Each man should have at least one interest about his home to which he is ardently devoted and whose benefits cannot be calculated in cash.

TO LET

A Wood where no man dwells, It is a holy place Enisled with sleeping boughs That lean out into space:

A Desert without Man Is full of dreams, is far-Much like the magic face Of an untravelled star;

A Meadow lush with grass Is rich with little joys Where thighed grasshoppers leap Like elves or playing boys:

But, O this Wood or Stone Is chill with alien cold, Too long built to be new, Yet too new to be old. . . .

I hate a vacant house With its long reach of stair: 'Tis such a place that none Do wish to tarry there

Where small mice squeak and flash Along each dusty shelf And Silence shrinks, afraid, Because it hears itself!

HARRY KEMP



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#### THE ARCHITECTURAL BOOKCASE

It is becoming more and more the custom, in homes of good taste, to treat bookshelves as an architectural feature, and by letting the shelves into the wall, make them form part of the architectural background of the room. The wood used in this library is butternut in a warm, rich brown. A chair upholstered in a brilliant English chimts gives color variety to the ensemble. From the New York residence of F. F. Palmer, Esq. Delano & Aldrich, architects



An ivory relief of a jousting scene, illustrating French workmanship of the 14th Century

# IVORY THRONES and ELEPHANTS

Examples of an Ancient Carving Art, from Combs and French Fans to Cabinets of Nippon and Chinese Screens

GARDNER TEALL

GOLD, silver, ivory—how inseparable they are with History's story, comedy and tragedy, romance and commerce, inertia and progress—gold, silver and ivory! I am inclined to believe that the sins of the world have brought upon us, at least the most of us, the inability to receive our initial conception of gold and silver in other than immediate mental terms of the coinage of the realm. Alas that

it is so! Alak-a-day! Would that the mention of gold brought instantly to our thought the glory of sunlight, the jewels of fairy princesses, the skill of Saint Eligius, the craft of Benvenuto Cellini, the bracelet of Helen of Troy; or that the mention of silver would first evoke for us memories of purling streams, moonlight on the jasmine flowers, a cup from Delhi, the Ardagh

XVI period, an ivory fan decorated with miniature paintings of remarkable beauty (Upper center) The grater or rapp is an-

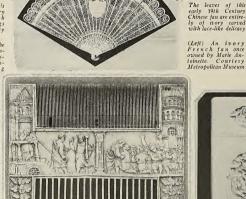
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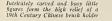
off the Jasmi'ne flowers, a cup from Delhi, the Ardagh Brooch, that of Tara! But ivory, magic word! When it is

spoken who thinks first of the commerce of the Congo, or the horrors narrated by Conrad, of Barnum's prowess with Jumbo? Ah no, dear Reader, you and I have but to hear it whispered and lo! King Solomon's throne of ivory, with its six steps flanked by the carved lions, the tribute of King Hezekish to the Assyrians of couches of ivory—Shimi piri, they called it, "Elephant's teeth,"—hard teeth indeed for the

King of Judah to pull! And did not the Prophets Ezekial and Amos tell of "benches of ivorry brought out of the Isles of Chittim?" I suppose the "ivory palaces" of the 45th Psalm meant wardrobes, but as long as one isn't sure of it, it is comfortable and amazing to cling to the palace and to contemplate the enormous wardrobe it might have held, one far outriyalling

that of Potsdam!
When I have visited the collections in the British Mu-





And then there is a comb with both course and fine teeth, the decorative design consisting of scenes from the life of Joseph.

It is Italian work of the V4th Century



The cardcase carved by a Chinese workman of the late 18th Century brings out the ivory's full beauty



Not all the ivories show carving in relief. The cabinet above is elaborately inlaid with a variety of bird, butterfly and flower designs. Japanese, of the 19th Century

seum I have flattened my nose against a certain case there that contains two inlaid daggers ornamented with ivory that date from the time of Moses. Moses and those days thirty-seven hundred years ago-how much more real they seem when I am looking at daggers! If old Lord Chesterfield were here in the flesh, instead of in the spirit, on my library shelf there suitably bound by Rivière, I would not give a fig for the scorn he might heap upon my way of thinking, should he repeat the paragraph pompously indited to his helpless son, which runs "I do by no means advise you to throw away time in ransacking, like a dull antiquarian, the minute and unimportant parts of remote and fabulous times." I hope you too, dear Reader, will be on my side. As gentle suasion, if that be necessary, I shall add Lord Chesterfield's parting dart anent the matter, "Let blockheads read what blockheads wrote!" I am sure we are one against the old gentleman. I don't suppose nature graced him with enough humor to anticipate the time when he himself would come to seem to all of us as much part and parcel of remote and fabulous times as Cheops or Moses.



Mary Magdalene as a French carver of the early 16th Century represented her in an ivory figurine



An ivory knight of the chessboard. He is of English workmanship, from the 13th Century



Bone "ivory" marking wheels and pricking forks for the needleworker. Both of these are of American make and date from the late 18th and early 19th Centuries

On a rainy day like this I like to bring forth my few ivory treasures and feel that the moisture in the air is good for them. True it is that there are no ivory palaces, or thrones and sceptres of ivory such as Tarquin was forced to hand over to Lars Porcenna; would that there were! Would that I might touch, might own, the very rod wherewith the grave senator of ancient Rome, Marcus Paperius, smote the Gaul who, marveling that the senators sat unmoved in disconcerting dignity when their victorious enemy burst into the Capitol, touched the beard of the noble sire to see if he were alive. I may even confess that whenever I re-read the Iliad I shall be sure to pause at once part and give furtive wish that I might have one of the worn check-pieces there described. Perhaps you remember the lines-

"As when some Carianor Mæonian maid With crimson dye the ivory stains, designed To be a check-piece of a warrior's steed: By many a valiant horseman coveted, As in a house it lies, a monarch's boast The horse adorning, and the horseman's pride."

But I cannot hope for any such luck. I (Continued on page 62)



The back view of a Chinese ivory screen of the Ch'ien Lung period, 1736-1796, shows six relief panels each with a different design. The figure of the ivory itself is clearly shown



The front view of the same screen is more pretentious, depicting what may be interpreted as some of the ways in which one amuses oneself at a Chinese week-end party in the country

# AMERICAN SCULPTURE FOR AMERICAN GARDENS

An Infant Art Worth Fostering

#### PEYTON BOSWELL

R ODIN predicted that a new birth of sculpture would take place in America, and that a great school would develop here, comparable to that which sprang from Ancient Greece to glorify her ideals in after ages.

This prophesy of the greatest of modern sculptors, one of the most marked proponents of idealism in art, is worthy just now of a close analysis.

A comparison of the development of the economic condition of Ancient Greece, coeval with the golden age of Grecian sculpture, with the present economic condition of America, unmistakably reveals a parallel that seems to point to the fulfillment of Rodin's prophesy, Periods of great wealth foster periods of great art. It may seem at first very difficult to make this statement fit into a discussion of the ideal, but nevertheless it is true. The epochs of commercial aristocracy in Greece, of imperial power in Rome, of far-flung trade in Italy, of monarchical splendor in France, all had as their concomitants periods of art development such as the world never saw before or after. The epochs of social change, of commercial decadence and economic poverty were characterized by periods of poverty in art. And now comes America, wealthy beyond any dream of the past, and at the threshold of an era of industrial aggrandisement and trade expansion of which she herself never dreamed.

Grecian sculpture undoubtedly had its origin in the religious instincts and innate love of beauty of the ancient Hellenes. But in the days of Grece's first struggles, when her people were primitive and tribal, when they lived sufficient unto themselves and wealth and power had their seats in Persia and Tyre and

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A fountain, by Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney, designed for am American garden. Courtesy of the Whitney Studio



"A Girl Aquaplaning," by RenaTuckerKohlman, shows the freedom of interpretation characteristic of our American garden subjeture. It stands 20" high and is intended for a basin fountain or a small garden pool where the water could be arranged to spray against the figure. Courtery of the Milch Galleries

In the cleft of a rock garden you discover a young Pan piping away. The gray stones are immediately animated and the rock plants vitalized. This figure by Janel Scudder is in the Rockefeller gardens at Pocontico Hills and shows the proper placing for such work—secladed and surprising as you come upon it. June, 1919

Silhouetted against the sky and surmounting the garden pool stands young Duna, a clear-cut gem of garden statuary. It is by Janet Scudder and is found in the garden John Long Severance, Esq., at Cleveland, Ohio. Courtesy of Gorham Gallery



"Girl and Fish," a garden figure of happy interpretation, could find a place in a garden pool sprayed as a fountain base or in a stream of rushing water. Harriet Whitney Frishmuth, seption. Courtesy of Gorham Gallery







The sundial offers a wide and varied field of interpretation. This figure, "The Fruit Bearer," by Edward McCartan, has found a sunny spot in the garden of Mrs. Harold I. Pratt, at Glen Cove, L. I. Courtesy of Gorham Gallery

These figures—Morning, Noon and Night—support the table of this sundial in the garden of John Long Severance, Esq., Cleveland, Ohio Harriet Whitney Frishmuth was the sculptor. Courtesy of Gorham Gallery

House & Garden



Golden pheasants on a cream ground, to say nothing of the many other colors in the design, key up the color note afforded by the cretonne curtains, calance and upholstery. Pull curtains of old yellow are used in place of shades. Light patty wolls, malogany furniture, putty brown rug. The mahogany table is priced at S92, and a bookcast to match at S82. Ladder-back mahogany arm than, upholstered seat, S83, A wing thair similar to the one shown is S95 and S100; 4½, yards of velow will respholster it. Overstuffed chair's in pheasant cretome, backs in dark putty velour. Elack lampshades decorated in color, and notes of brilliant rose, purple and green it we comer calmet.

# FURNISHING the ROOM from CRETONNE

With the Wide Variety of Colors and Designs in Which It Can Now Be Obtained, One Can First
Select the Cretonne and Then Furnish the Room Around It

#### ETHEL DAVIS SEAL

Is there anything else that can accomplish such sheer delight and joy in a space so small as a yard or so of retonine? You see it dangling from a counter in a most prosaic carpet-stripped aisle, and the world immediately waxes rosy, or is cleft with winging birds. You see it beckoning from an otherwise quite usual shop window, and the gorgeous blending of colors goes to the heart of you like music. Surely possession of such cretonne would be nine-tenths of the law of happy decoration, and juggling awhile with the tempting suggestion set in your path by the willy shop-keeper and the craft writer for magazines, you tentatively inquire the price by the yard, only to find that temptations come cheap nowadays, and that cretonne combining all the quality of he old uncut velvets and the charm of the

needlepoint designs is to be had for a paltry two or three dollars a yard!

And what can compare with the adaptability of cretonne! Time was when its kingdom was in the bedroom, or, at most, in the breakfast or living room of the summer cottage; but in these days of modern ingenuity of manufacture and design, there is no room into which it may not fit with suitability and dignity, simply by varying the character of the design, the finish of texture, the weave, and the method of making up the material.

#### Fitting the Room to the Cretonne

But there is another delight found in cretonne beside those we have already conceded. If just the right piece is sought diligently, it will fit in any room. True, but how about choosing the cretonne first and then fitting the room to it? For here is a game that is worthy of the gods.

After the material is chosen, just enough should be bought to use for the leading feature, say the curtains, for it is likely that they will be of the cretonne. In this way you are not limited beforehand by too much of any one thing. You must have absolute control of your growing scheme, allowing it to develop by degrees; then later if you find that you want a chair or a sofa uphoistered to match the curtains, a pillow covered with the same cretonne laid in a certain place, you will be able to buy the additional countils.

the additional quantity.

In building a room scheme around cretonne, the fundamentals should be given first attention. Possibly the material has a light back-

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The pheasant cretonne shows peacock green, yellow green, mulberry, rose, peacock blue, gold, magenta, purple and black on a grayish cream ground. 31" wide, \$2.65 a yard

ground, no matter how well this be covered; or perhaps the lightest tone is evident in some of the flowers or the birds. This tone should be reproduced as accurately as possible in the background of the room, the walls. Some charming light-toned neutral papers can be had now, since the neutrally light wall treatment has been found to be so eminently satisfactory; heavy two-toned effects, stipple tones, lusterous grasscloths. These used, of course, usterous grasscloths. These used, of course, lustenous problem of the walls may be hung with a fine linen canvas, lightly paneled with narrow wood molding and the whole painted with a good flat oil paint.

#### The Trim and Floors

The woodwork should duplicate the light tone of the walls in the case of the latter treatment, since the narrow molding must match both the wall tint and the woodwork. More leeway is found with the papered walls, for, while the room woodwork should still be painted a light color, it may be any one of the varying tones of ivory, or slightly light-

er or darker than the tone of the walls. Floors have a way of jumping up and hitting you in the face, if they are not kept strictly under the feet by the use of a properly subdued floor covering; and especially in the case of a room developed in a figured material, the floor treatment should show little design. The two-toned Wilton rugs or the all-over carpets are best for those who wish to keep within a certain expenditure, and this choice is in such good taste that it is never open to question. I should say that one of the deepest colors in the cretonne should be duplicated as nearly as possible for the rug or carpet-one of the foliage or woodsy tones,

And after this moderation in the background, such actual squeals of joy in the smaller color notes! These are fun . . . And you will find that you may be most daring! A brilliant

The desk matches the long table on the opposite page; it is priced at \$100. Bench chromewald brown, the color of American walnut, upholstered in the pheasant design chintz; \$24





The sofa is particularly desirable for the small home. 64" long overall, 34" deep. Hair and down stuffed, chintz upholstered in variety, \$102. Mahogany drop-leaf table, \$24

lampshade, a jar of burning orange, a teapot of kochi red lined with yellow . . . .

#### A Room that Grew from Cretonne

I am reminded of a room of my acquaintance that so grew from cretonne: a linen black-grounded, with small weird trumpet flowers of brightest cerise on King's blue stems. The wall tone was found in a tiny bud nearly putty color, and which had, interestingly enough, turquoise stems, furnishing opportunity for some rapturous accents of this hue, which is so delightful with just the right tone of rose red.

Well, the walls were of putty outmeal paper, plain and unhordered; the woodwork was white. On the dull brown floor there were laid small blue rugs reproducing the blue tones in the (Continued on page 60)



These outdoor furnishings may be purchased through the House & Garden Shop-ping Service, 19 West 44th Street, New York City



A little group of playing boys, suitable for the center of a garden pool, comes in manufactured stone. 23" high. \$25

A bird bath affords com-fort on hot summer days. This bath, of manufactured stone, 30" high and 24" wide, comes at \$20



A garden jar of geometri-cal design in terra cotta or manufactured stone comes at \$16



For a formal garden comes this jar, 18" high. In terra cotta, \$20; in manufactured stone, \$16

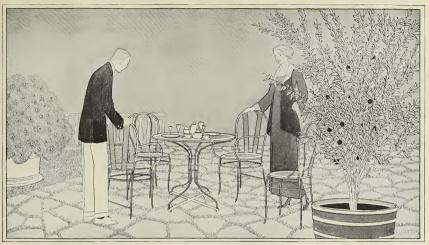






At the end of the garden walk, hid-den away in a shadowy corner, it is a joy to find a garden bench. No garden is complete without some such furniture

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A sundial or gazing globe can be placed on this pedestal, 36" high. Globe 12" in diameter. Pedestal with globe, \$25; with sundial, \$15

For tea on the lawn or terrace there comes weather proof from furniture painted in gray and white. A set of four chairs, two straight and two with arms, and the table, come complete at \$47



A wall fountain of synthetic stone, comes complete at \$28. 33" high, with a grotesque dolphin figure



The dolphin fountain has a pedestal 36" high and a bowl 23" wide and 17" projection. In manufactured stone, it comes for \$30



A well-proportioned garden bench of excellent design comes in manufactured stone. 5' long, \$37.50

House & Garden



The broad and substantial Dutch Colonial lines of the house mass well against the wooded slope behind. It is wide white clapboarded with solid shutters on the ground floor and green blinds above. The whitesushed chimneys and the unstained shingles, left to weather naturally, carry on the well judged simplicity of the whole

A mouse color rug with a hint of purple to give it life is on the light oak waxed floor of the living room, from which the stairs ascend directly. French gray walls with trim a slightly darker tone of the same color, stair treads matching the floor. The risers, posts and balusters are French gray and the handrail is finished in dark mahogany



Two tones of French gray are in the living room punels, when the living room punels stilled arker one in the darker one in the darker one in the stilled. The cornice is a very light gray which almost matches panel of planel of planel of planel of planel of the ceiling. Over the mantel is a panel of planel of the ceiling. At the right of the picture is the entrance to the vestibule





The glassed in porch serves as a winter sunroom where potted plants bloom through the cold weather. Above it is a sleeping porch for summer use. The woods and hill to the north act as good protectors from cold winds. The view shown here is of the southwest exposure

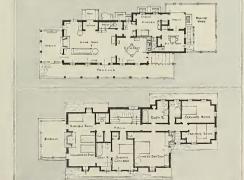
The RESIDENCE of ROBERT L. WOOD, Esq.

CHESTNUT HILL, PA.

JOHN GRAHAM, Jr., Architect



At the east end of the red brick paved terrace is the breakfast porch with its pergola roof. Here and on the supporting pillars grow climbing wines. A line of stepping stones leads from the end of the terrace



At the rear is the entrance with its two white painted benches, knocker and old black iron hanging lantern. This entrance opens into the vestibule which in turn connects directly with the living room shown opposite

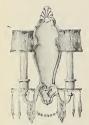
There is little waste space in the house, considerable eleverness having been shown in the utilization of the corners and angles. As is fitting in a house of this architectural style, the plan shows open rooms without suggestion of restriction

Two bathrooms and four chambers are on the second floor, besides the servants' quarters. A fireplace in the children's room is a welcome feature on wintry nights. A straight 
lengthwise hallway serves 
all the rooms

#### FROM CANDLES TO INCANDESCENCE

The Simple Rules for the Use of Varied Lighting Fixtures -Their Placing in the Room and Shading

#### H. D. EBERLEIN and ABBOT McCLURE



For a drawing room, a two-light black and silver bracket, \$30

ARTIFICIAL lighting is one of the most important things we have to think of both with reference to decorative results and on account of physical comfort and convenience. The lighting (which means both the light and the light fixtures) may either make or mar the effect of a room.

even when its decorative appointment is in other respects impeccable. The task of arranging and lighting a room is comparable to composing a pic-

ture with its due disposition of light and shadow-a delicate task demanding discretion. And yet, despite the vital importance of sat-isfactory artificial lighting, there are many households where it seems to be ignored in inverse ratio to its importance, of course with deplorable results. Delicate as the task may be, nevertheless bad lighting (again we include both the light and the fixtures) is quite inexcusable. The remedy is merely the use of plain, native common-sense. What to do and what not to do can be settled by a few simple principles that any one blessed with ordinary intelligence can apply.

The whole subject falls naturally into two

(1) fixed lighting, whose arrangement con-stitutes a part of the fixed decorations and is architectural rather than otherwise, although a proper connection must be observed between lighting fixtures and furniture, just as a like consistency must be maintained between the furnishings and their architectural background;

(2) portable lighting, which belongs wholly

in the realm of furnishing.

The former is largely determined by the architectural character of the background, first as regards pattern, material and scale of the equipment; second, as regards the placement of

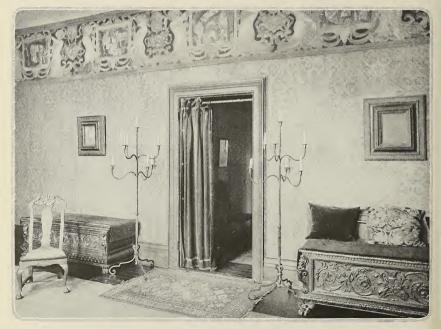
lighting appliances. The latter admits of almost unlimited latitude in placement, in the selection of divers types of appliance, and in the choice of illuminating media.

Whether the lights be fixed or portable, cer-

tain general principles obtain. Under ordinary circumstances, a blazing glare is painful to the eyes, as well as ugly, and is disastrous to the aspect of any room, even though it be well furnished, unless the furnishing has been theatrically calculated to be viewed only in a glare. A number



Empire glass and gilt brass form this



The use of tall wrought iron candelabra is shown in this apartment where the contour of the candelabra and their colors—polychrome and gilt—are in period harmony with the old chests and background of the room. W. Lawrence Bottomley, architect

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Late 17th Century chandelier in stair well

Georgian dull silver, electric b r a c k e t . \$15.50 each



of dim or subdued lights, therefore, will be infinitely preferable to one or two powerful glaring lights. The diffused glow from the more numerous and mellower lights is vastly more comfortable to the eye and more kindly to the furnishings. In the next place, it is both unreasonable and uncomfortable either to have one or two blazing illuminations in proximity to the ceiling or to have a number of less vigorous luminaries lighting the upper part of the room and leaving the lower in gloom.

#### Indirect Lighting

Likewise, the various methods of indirect lighting, although purposely devised to eliminate glare and to secure diffusion, which they often do admirably, nevertheless as a rule throw most of the light on the ceiling. This does very well for public places but is often objectionable in a house. It is not necessary, nor in many cases would it be desirable, to have the artificial light fall from precisely the same quarter as the light by day, but it is highly desirable to have the light at night coming from approximately the same level as the daylight, and to illuminate, not the ceiling, but the region of the room humanly inhabited.

In the third place, the quality and intensity of the artificial light must also be taken into account. It should not be harsh nor sharp in effect nor of such intensity as to distort the relative values of illumination and shadow.



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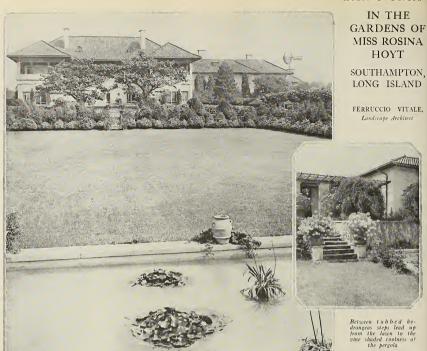


And here be it noted with emphasis that the effect of shadows must be considered as well as the effect of light. It is illogical to think of one without the other. To revert again to the simile of light and shadow in a picture, a due relation must be observed between the two, else the eye is offended and wearied. Shadows softened and modulated are restful and add interest; shadows universally hard and sharpcut, as though with a knife, repel and weary. Likewise, remember that the quality of the light has everything to do with the quality of the shadows. Above all, the color of the rays must not be of a character to falsify or kill the colors in the furnishing. Mellowness is the chiefest desideratum in domestic lighting, save in kitchens, bath and dressing-rooms, or in such exceptional cases as ball rooms upon occasion of large and somewhat formal gatherings, when

## brilliancy is not only quite permissible but The Nature of Illuminants

The illuminants to be considered upon grounds of decorative desirability or expedience are candles, oil, gas and electricity. The physical facts and the possible methods of employing each are stated without special advocacy; responsibility of selection rests with the reader.

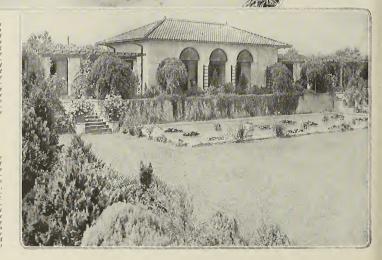
Of these four illuminants, the first most (Continued on page 72)



Gillies

Full consideration has been given to the effectiveness of unbroken lawn spaces stretching do un from the house to the formal lily pool and bounded by massed evergreens whose variety and arrangement are especially worthy of attention. Hiss & Weekes, architects of the house

The reverse of the page shows the Italian summer-house wilh its flanking pergolas, the whole a fit setting for the pool. The aquatic planting has been kept open, that the water itself may fulfill its mission as mirror of the sky, the clouds and the surroundings



#### JAPANESE HOMES OF TODAY



Interiors Decorated and Furnished in the European Manner in Houses of Traditional Japanese Architecture

#### EUGENE CLUTE



duced and certain rooms have been furnished in the European style for the reception of An especially good example is the residence of Baron Sumitomo at Osaka, for it is not only

one of the finest homes in Japan but is also one of the most up-to-date. .

#### A Residence at Osaka

foreigners.

It stands in a beautiful garden twenty acres in extent and forms an harmonious part of innumerable charming landscapes. Though the house is large, having an area of 28,800 square feet, it blends perfectly with the garden, for it is composed of a number of semi-detached pavilions arranged on an irregular plan so that only picturesque bits of the house are seen at a time among the trees. The garden interlocks with the house, forming small gardens between the pavilions and providing pleasant views from all the rooms.

The exterior is purely Japanese in architecture and the greater part of the interior is in the Japanese style. In the native portion of the house the partitions are formed of sliding screens or fusuma. Other sliding screens, shoji, covered with translucent paper, serve instead of windows. The floors are covered with thick mats, or tatami, and there is no furniture in the European sense of the word.

The contrast between the Japanese portion of the house and the section devoted to the reception of foreigners is startling. Here the ceilings are high, the woodwork, furniture and all the details of decoration are so thoroughly Occidental that it is difficult to believe that half the world lies between these rooms. It is only necessary, however, for the visitor to part the lace curtains and look out upon the garden to realize that he is in Japan, beyond question. The lace curtains and the plate glass of the windows are, by the way, the only things in the drawing-room of this house that were imported. The woodwork and furniture of teak wood in a medium brown finish, the silk wall covering that shows a small diamond pattern in tan and blue-gray, the chair covering, the hand-tufted rugs patterned in tan and dull old rose, the silken hangings draped at the windows, and the electric lighting fixtures in antique silver finish, were not only designed by the Japanese architect of the building, Yutaka Hidaka, but were made by Japanese artisans in Japan. In the dining room the woodwork and furniture are of teak wood in a rich dark brown finish. the walls are covered with a gray-green silk material, the chairs are

upholstered in brown leather and there are brown silk draperies at the windows.

#### Lighting and Heating

There is a glass-enclosed verandah, furnished with chairs, settees and small tables, all in the latest European style. Not only is the whole house supplied with electric light, gas, water and modern plumbing, but it has an indirect steam heating system. Before passing over the steam coils, the air is washed with a water spray to remove dust and other impurities. In the summer the air circulated by the ventilating system passes over ice to cool it. Baron Sumitomo also has interesting residences in Tokyo and Kyoto.



The architecture of Baron Sumitomo's home at Kyoto is in perfect harmony with the romantic landscape. The exterior is typically Japanese, though several of the rooms are furnished in the European manner. Yutaka Hidaka, architect



A house that is European both inside and out (at the left of the picture) has been built on Baron Sumitomo's Tokyo estate. Yutaka Hidaka, architect

Close incorporation with the gardens has been achieved by arranging the semi-detached pavilions of the Osaka residence on a somewhat irregular plan



Apparently American arts-and-crafts, but really Japanese made and designed throughout. Yutaka Hidaka, decorator



The drawing room for foreigners in the Sumitomo European house at Tokyo



Modern European style in which Japanese details are evident characterizes this room in the Kyoto residence

While the problem of receiving Europeans in the manner to which they are accustomed, and at the same time retaining purely Japaneses surroundings for the life of the family was solved in the residence at Ossain you furnishing and decorating certain rooms in the European manner, a quite different method has been followed at the Tokyo estate. There two separate and distinct houses have been built, one purely Japanese and the other European, inside and out.

In the house at Kyoto several rooms have been furnished in the European manner in a building that, though typically Japanese, is of an entirely different character from the house at Osaka. With a keen appreciation of the relation that should exist between architectural design and the character of the landscape, the architect has produced in this instance a picturesque exterior, with wide projecting eaves, rustic stonework and rough plaster walls that harmonize with the romantic garden and the mountains in the background.

The decorative treatment of the reception-room for foreigners is less formal in this house than in the others and is in keeping with the character of the building. It shows features of Japanese design united skilfully with the dominating European forms in both the wall treatment and furnishings.

#### A Tokyo Residence

The residence of Kanichi Sumitomo in Tokyo seems modest when compared with the handsome estates of his father Baron Sumitomo. It is, nevertheless, a charming house and it shows a remarkably successful blending of Japanese and Occidental ideas.

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The drawing room in the residence of Baron Sumitomo at Osaka represents the latest phase of Occidental interior decoration in Japan



A portion of the main salon in the home of Baron Mitsui in Tokyo. While the wall treatment is Japanese, the furniture is European style

once simple and pleasing, this house looks almost as though it might be in a residential suburb of an American city. In the second story there is what appears from the outside to be a glass-enclosed sun-parlor, but is, in fact, a large living-room in the Japanese style. The reception-room in foreign style is in the lower story. It is a typical American Arts-and-Crafts interior, though everything in the room was designed and made in Japan.

While all of these houses were designed and decorated by the same architect, Mr. Hidaka, they show a variety of treatment that gives evidence of careful study in each instance and of the logical development of the designs from the conditions and requirements met with.

The rooms described represent the latest phase of Occidental decoration in Japan, for none of them is older than three years and those in Baron Sumitomo's house at Osaka have just been completed. They are very much like their European and American rooms and in this respect they differ widely from rooms furnished less than a decade ago.

#### Baron Mitsui's Home

Good examples of the latter period are in the home of Baron Mitsui at Tokyo, where in every case the interior architecture is essentially Japanese, while the furniture and furnishings are of the European type.

The large salon has walls composed of sliding screens painted in landscapes such as are frequently found in Japanese houses. Daylight is admitted through the translucent paper that covers typical shoft. Over the wide opening between the two sections of the room is the usual type of grille or ramma.

The chief feature of the wall treat-

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The second story sun parlor in the Kanichi Sumitomo residence in Tokyo is really a Japanese living room

(Right) Old Japanese in every respect except the electric lighting fix-ture. In the home of Baron Sumitomo, Tokyo

The Phoenix Temple at Uji is shown with goldleaf background on the Dr. Takamine's New York drawing room

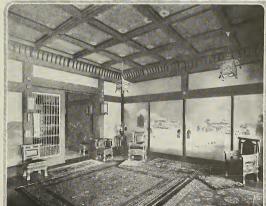


An example of the East adapted to the

the wall treatment was always Japanese. It is an open question whether the latest practice of exactly following European styles is as desirable as an effort to create a style in which the practical features of European furniture are combined with Japanese design characteristics.

A notable achievement in this direction is seen in the home of Dr. Jokichi Takamine on Riverside Drive in New York City. There historic Japanese decorative styles have been adapted to the requirements of the Occidental manner of living. The walls and ceilings are richly decorated purely in the Japanese style. Antique Chinese rugs of great beauty cover the floors. The furniture has been given a purely Japanese design character that brings it into harmony with the wall treatment.





ment is the pair of recesses known as the tokonoma and the chigai-dana.

In order to harmonize the furniture with this environment Japanese lines were introduced into the designs. The electric fixtures received the same treatment and the floor was covered with large rugs in a simple large-scale pattern.

In the reception-room a similar combination of styles is found, but the walls and ceiling, while Japanese in detail, have an appearance of permanence and solidity that is foreign. The wall treatment of the dining room approaches the European type to some degree, while the furniture is European in character.

The blending of native and foreign styles in these rooms is probably due quite as much to a desire to retain so far as possible the national character as it is to the fact that this phase was in the natural order of development.

Practically ever since Japan opened her ports to the rest of the world, the problem of entertaining Europeans and Americans in a suitable manner has been up for solution.

It was soon found that boot-heels damaged the mats or tatami that were intended to withstand the impact of nothing more harsh than the cloth tabi worn by the Japanese. Then, too, the guests were not used to sitting on their heels in the Japanese manner, and the cushions, which were all that their hosts were able to





Wistaria growing without let or hindrance softens the lines of the formal columns and late in May fills the air with the fragrance of its blossoms. A rolling screen closes this opening when desired



A wide doorway connects the sleeping porch with this child's room, permitting the bed to be rolled from one to the other according as the weather is favorable or otherwise. The furniture throughout is simple and interchangeable

The house is simple and without architectural pretensions, but interesting pertensions, but interesting by reason of its English Gothe influence and the teach of Venetian marble in the chimney. The sleeping porch arches reproduce a theme from Lincoln Cathedral The SLEEPING PORCH in the RESIDENCE of EUGENE RODMAN

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SLEE & BRYSON, Architects

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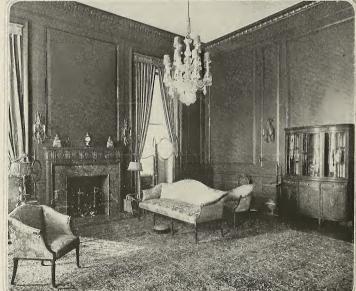
#### A LITTLE PORTFOLIO of GOOD INTERIORS

Great dignity can be given a room by an interior architectural doorway. To such factors is due much of the classic richness of Georgian homes. Here it has been effectively used in the New York residence of F. F. Palmer, Esq., pronouncing the passage between the dming room and library. Delano & Aldrich were the architects

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Much of the dismity of this diving
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A little reception room is paneled in wood painted in wood painted in wood painted in wood painted with a food part of the part of the word of the wor



There is on English 11th Century atmosphere in this dining room, with its paneled walls, cove ceiling, and leaded casements. The furnishings and accessories are antiques of the period. This room and the room bearing the company of the company of the company of the period. The room bearing the room to the company of the



The background of the library is glossy pine puncling of beautiful of the purchase of the purchase of the background of the book skelves are and mantel, the book skelves are built in, with cupboards for portfolios below. The over-door decoration shows a pleasing use of an ivory cast toned to harmost the background of the walls

# MAKING A GARDEN OUT OF A SAND HEAP

An Experience Which Goes to Show That Intelligent Attention Can Surmount the Difficulties of Limited Space and Unproductive Soil

T. C. TURNER



The tall stalks of the hollyhocks lend an old-fashioned touch

THERE is much old saying, "once a gardener always a gardener. If you are brought up with a garden, the instinct grows and you never lose it, even though the garden and you part for many years.

The garden of my boyhood was an old-fashioned one in East Anglia, where gardens are as much a part of household life as a steam radiator is a part of the average New York apartment. It had probably been a garden for the best part of

a hundred years, facing the highroad for 125' and running back at a very gentle slope about another 200'. Box edgings, roses, a low brick wall, a cottage at the end of a straight little pathway—these are some of the memories of it which followed me through the twenty garden-less years of business until at last I felt again the pleasure of putting spade to soil.

We had found a home in a new suburban development, but my poor garden in which I planned to atone as well as might be for that long lapse of years was nothing more or less than a sand heap. So good and pure was that sand that it could be used as it was for plaster or concrete mixing; in fact, the contractors had availed themselves of it, in this

direction, in the construction of the house.

The problem was what to do with my sand heap to make a garden out of it. Two things were possible. One was to take out a good foot of the surface and replace it with the best kind of top-soil. This would have produced results, but like most other quick methods would have cost a considerable sum to accomplish. The down the method was to make the soil myself—more a question of time than expense, but as all successful results in gardening depend more upon patience than money, I decided on the latter plan.

### Beginning the Work

The first thing was to take my line and lay out the beds. The paths were left untouched, except so far as leveling them was concerned, and they have remained untouched to this day, when they are almost as firm as sandstone. The intended beds I turned over to a good depth with a digging fork, and let the earth lie in a rough state for a week; then I applied a hundred pounds of the best mixed fertilizer, and turned the beds over once more. While this digging process was going on I cleared the ground of large stones, various



Asters there are, of course, annuals which, with zinnias, scabiosas and antirrhinums, would be sorely missed

tin cans, pieces of concrete, etc. Then when I had things about to my liking I spent an entire day applying the rake, and let me say here that the rake is a very important factor in the preparation of any ground for seeding. Rake deep and plenty, breaking up the ground well, for unless the soil is pulverized you cannot get the best results from it after seeding. The rake and cultivator are more important than the hose and watering can in the making of a good garden.

In the course of a few days I sowed all the beds thickly with crimson clover previously treated for the production of strong and rapid growth. It was then early June, and I ande no effort to plant autything except the clover. After this I rested for a time and planned out what should be doire in the autumn.

#### Autumn Activities

By the middle of September I had a fine green crop of to 10" high. Now came some more hard work, for by the first of October the entire clover crop was to be turned under, mobject in planting it being to provide the soil with what it lacked—the necessary nitrogen and humus. Crimson clover is one of the best legumes; its roots take down into the ground more nitrogen than any similar crop, and the growth above ground gives the needed humus. These together with the fertilizer gave me a nucleus for a garden, though I had yet by no means a first class soil such as one needs for producing really good specimens. It takes a good three years to make a garden out of raw material, but I was at least ready to make a

Early experience had taught me that all things would not grow in one kind of soil, so at the beginning I went carefully in planting and bought a lot of inexpensive roots of the

various things of which I ultimately intended to grow be tter varieties. These were put in during the month of October. At the end of November I got a load of stable manure which I used as a winter cover and in spring turned into the ground to help improve it. The trouble was well repaid, for most of the varieties of that autumn's (Continued on page 58)



throughout the growing season, besides yielding fine fruit

Madam Coste is one of the pink peonies which has done well close to the boundary fence

# THE HANGING ON THE WALL

A Strip of Brocade, an Old Ecclesiastical Embroidery or a Piece of
Brilliant Fabric Will Enliven a Room

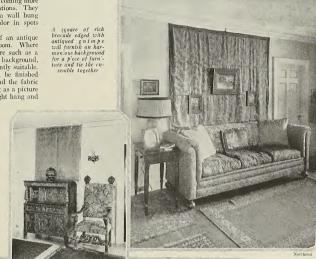
BROCADE, ecclesiastical embroidery or fabrics of strong coloring are coming more and more to be used as wall decorations. They furnish a variety of contour to a wall hung with pictures and concentrate color in spots where it is most effective.

The rich patterns and colors of an antique brocade add a warm tone to a room. Where one has a heavy piece of furniture such as a chest or a credenze that demands a background, a square of brocade will be eminently suitable. The edges of the brocade should be finished with a dull galloon or guimpe and the fabric tacked to a narrow stick and hung as a picture with hooks. This assures a straight hang and

easy handling. The same is true of any fabric or embroidery, for in this use of fabrics the design should be shown flat.

Antique ecclesiastical vestments and embroideries furnish a wide field for selection. There are copes, chasubles and altar frontals, on which much artistry has been expended. These best add to the glory of a room when hung on the walls, where their interest of design and color will carich a furniture ensemble.

Fabrics in crude colors, such as some of the modernist designs, give a room pleasing color relief. They should be used with discretion and hung where strong color spots are required.



The problem of what to put above the couch can often be solved with a piece of fabric. If it is as large as this, pictures may be hung over it to break the expanse and give color relief



Instead of a picture for an overmantel decoration there may be used, with pleasing effect, an old ecclesiastical embroidery—a cope or a strip of altar hanging to enliven the wall

# THE MARRIAGE OF FLOWERS BY BIRDS

The Essential Rôle Played by Certain Birds in Bringing About the Fertilization of Blossoms—Interesting Examples from Both Hemispheres

### ERNEST INGERSOLL

ONE of the many delightful paragraphs in that generally delightful book, "The Birds of Jamaica," by Philip Henry Gosse, father of the English critic, is one relating to the banana-quit. "Scarcely larger," Mr. Gosse writes, "than the average size of the humming-birds, this little creper is often seen in company with them, probing the same flowers, and for the same purpose, but in a very different manner. . . The quit alights on the tree, and proceeds in the most businesslike manner to peep into the flower, hopping actively from twig to twig, and throwing the body into all positions, often clinging by the feet with the back downwards the better to reach the interior of the blossom with his curved beak and pencilled tongue."

An interesting thing about this account, from the naturalist's point of view, is the absence (similarly noteworthy in Gosse's equally charming pictures of hummingpirds) of any remark that these birds came out of the deep corollas they explored with their heads dusted like a miller's hat with pollen, which they brushed off and renewed from flower to flower as they visited one after another. It is true that Gosse wrote his book some years before Sprengel, Darwin and Wallace and Fritz Müller had begun to reveal to us the conjugal mysteries of the marriage of plants by the aid of insects; yet it is strange he did not observe and note the presence of pollen on the feathers of these birds he knew so well.

ORDINARY plants reproduce by means of their flowers. These consist of a more or less gaily colored envelope, the corolla, within which are several slender growths called stamens carrying on their summits little packets (anthers) filled at the proper season with minute grains of a flour-like substance called pollen, which corresponds to the male element in animals. From the center of the flower rises a hollow stalk (the pistil) with somewhat sticky tip (the stigma); and at the base is a chamber that contains one or several embryos of seeds (ovules)-the female part of the plant. The object of this arrangement is that ripe pollen shall reach the stigma, be caught there and then shall pass down the tubular pistil to the ovule, and entering it shall fertilize it and so cause it to develop into a perfect seed which, when nourished by the kindly earth, will reproduce its kind of plant.

But nature has found, as we recognize, that self-sertilization or "inbreeding," as we say, is a bad policy; it diminishes vigor and leads to degeneracy of the species. Therefore most flowers are so constructed as to prevent a stigna from receiving pollen from its own circle of anthers, while it is advantgeously placed to catch and hold pollen from other blossoms, especially those growing on a different plant. This transference of pollen from one flower or plant to another is accomplished in many interesting ways, but I am concerned here only with one.

Long years ago it was noticed that a bee, for example, gathering honey from flowers became coated with pollen and that some of it would always be brushed off on the stigma in the next blossom entered. These flowers—many of which had no other means of pollination—were fertilized by the visits of insects bringing them foreign pollen and taking their own to another flower. This healthy method of interchange is known as "cross-fertilization"; and the books of modern naturalists are filled with fascinating stories of these lovely marriage rites in flower-land.

After this interlude—which I trust the elder readers will pardon for the sake of the younger ones—let us go back to our banana-quit.

INSECTS visit flowers mainly for one or both of two reasons—to get the sugary liquid called nectar in the blossom's innermost pocket, or in the case of minute sorts, for the safe dwelling place the crollas afford them. At any rate, flies and other small insects abound inside most flowers, especially the big, tubular, nectar-holding corollas of the tropical trees and vines, far more numerous there than in colder zones.

Now this banana-quit had found this out long before Mr. Gosse did; and he got his living day by day in searching the blossoms in his native woods for the toothsome little bugs hidden there, and like them none the less for the nectar with which they were smeared. The banana flower was his special choice, and in frequenting it he cultivated the crop of bananas, for his head became dusted with fertilizing pollen a part of which he gave to every new flower and its ovules that he reached. Not that he knew or cared about this. Doubtless the sticky pollen was a nuisance-a disagreeable accident of his business, like coal-dust to a miner, and he had to spend his leisure every day in cleaning his feathers when he would rather be asleep.

Perhaps, therefore, it was not accident but a real discovery on the part of a cousin of his, the Bahama creeper, that led to a method by which this nuisance could be avoided; for that bird gets its food from the "leaf of life" (Verea crenaia) by thrusting its bill through the bac of the petals right into the nectar, instead of going inside. From the point of view of the plant, however, this is mere burglary, whereas the banana-quit pays for its sweets by transplanting pollen.

These quits, or sugar-birds, of which the West Indies and South America possess many species with similar habits, have slender, curved bills, and long tongues, bird and frayed at the tip like those of the hummingbirds and of the sun-birds and honey-suckers of the Old World, to neither of which are the quits otherwise related in structure.

THE sun-birds and honey-suckers are confined to the warmer parts of the Old World, and have pointed and somewhat curved bills, much like those of the hummingbirds, which they further resemble in size, shape and brilliancy of plumage. In fact, observing but unscientific travelers in the Orient have often described them as hummingbirds, although no true hummers are known outside of America. This agreement is especially close in the tongue, which in both is long, protrusile, and provided

with suctorial powers. In the hummingbirds the tongue is rolled into a pair of tubes separated at the tips, each of which has a horny fringe. In the honey-suckers and sun-birds the tongue forms a single horny tube, single at the base, but double-barrelled toward the tip, where in the honey-suckers it forms a hollow brush, and in the sun-birds is frayed into bristly tips. "The object of the terminal vibrisse in the sun-birds, and the tubular brush in the honey-suckers," Dr. Gadow explains, "seems to be to prevent the air from rushing into the tube, if there should not be enough nectar to fill it, inasmuch as the fluid will then enter the anterior part of the tube by capillary action, and then he sucked in "

and then be sucked up."

This resemblance in feeding organs, accompanied by other external likenesses, between groups of birds anatomically separated in classification, is an excellent example of what naturalists call "convergence," that is, the tendency of entirely different and perhaps far separated kinds of animals to assume similar adaptations to meet similar requirements, as in this case, the need of getting their living from blossoms containing nectar and harboring insects.

THE honey-eaters chiefly inhabit Australia, and Dr. Gould, the eminent Australian ornithologist, considered their brush-like tongue especially adapted for gathering the honey from the flower caps of the eucalyptus trees. In fact, birds of this family are peculiarly Australian, none of them being found outside the range of "that wealth of nectariferous flowering shrubs and trees, which," as Wallace remarks, "is one of the marked features of Australian vegetation." The same rigid limitation to this province characterizes the lories, or brushtongued parrots-a group that get a large part of their living from the flowers, especially of the eucalyptus. They are distinguished, as their name implies, by the dense coating of papillæ on the tongue with which they lick up honey and insects together; and more than one writer has mentioned that their foreheads are smeared with yellow pollen as they go eagerly from tree to tree, rifling the blossoms and paying for their board.

Now it is a very significant fact that Australia and its neighboring islands are striking deficient in insects, especially of bees and butterflies, so important in the scheme of flower fertilization in Europe and America. There are no bumblebees there and it was necessary to import and acclimatize them before clover for fodder could be raised. Yet it is stated that in New Zealand 'mo less than one-fourth of all the flowering plants are incapable of self-fertilization, and therefore wholly dependent on insects and birds."

This shows how important a service to plants is rendered in Australasia by birds, and why the brush-tongued sorts have been locally developed in so large numbers. It is probable that it also accounts for the prevalence of the gum-trees (Eucalyptus) there. No doubt certain birds and certain flowers have become, to some extent, made for one another. Thus in

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# WORK AMONG THE JUNE VEGETABLES

Important Matters to Meet the Conditions of the Changing Season and Prepare for the Hot Weather to Come -- Succession Crops and the Maintenance of Soil Fertility

### WILLIAM C. McCOLLOM

ONE of the most important things in suc-cessful vegetable gardening is to keep up the sowings of those crops that mature quickly and therefore require occasional or frequent sowings to maintain an endless chain of fresh vegetables constantly in motion between the garden and the kitchen. To accomplish this requires a little thought and a whole lot of courage. We know that hot weather will pre-vail during July and August. It would, therefore, be unwise to sow cool crops at this time that would mature during the hot season. Peas, radishes, spinach, large head lettuce, etc., are considered cool crops.

By selecting a partially shaded place, or by erecting some improvised artificial shade, it is possible to have lettuce and radishes all summer. With lettuce, it would be wise to select the small headed, heat resisting varieties. Two sowings of corn and bush beans should be made this month, and at least one sowing of cucumbers, beets, carrots, okra and the small bush squashes. The final sowing of beets and carrots may be made now for storing next winter if they are to be cut when cooked. If they are to be used whole, it would be better to wait until next month before sowing. The late sowings of kale, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauli-flower and celery should be attended to at once.

### When to Gather Vegetables

It is important that the vegetables be gathered at the proper stage of their growth if we are to have what justly belongs to us. Those vegetables of which we use the seed pods, such



The beans need support to prevent breakage as they grow larger. Stakes and a line of heavy cord will serve the purpose as well as more elaborate arrangements

as peas, beans, etc., do not lose their food value when old, but they get coarse. Green crops such as spinach or Swiss chard lose their food value when old. Root crops, when allowed to attain any size, become unfit for the table because of the "wood" which they develop.

With the gathering of vegetables for canning it becomes doubly necessary to use extra care in the selection of young, tender ones. One reason for this is the time that it takes to cook reason for this is the time that it takes to cook them, the saving of fuel being a factor well worth considering. Another reason for using young vegetables is the appearance they make in the jar. Young vegetables are full of color and wholesome. Those of a uniform size should be selected for either table use or canning, else results will not be satisfactory.

### Determining the Time

The best method to employ when gathering root crops for table or preserving kettle is to go along the row, gathering those of the accepted size, leaving the smaller ones to come along later. This is by no means as hard as it might seem. The fore-finger forced into the ground at the top of the vegetable will soon detect its size. The practice of pulling all the vegetables as you go along the row and then sorting them is very wasteful.

Peas become meally with age. This is the general complaint about canned peas and is usually caused by allowing the pods to get too full. If gathered ripe the pods should be a very dark green and should show no lines. (Continued on page 66)



Beets, as well as other vegetables intended for canning, should be picked while they are young and tender



Inexperienced gardeners often make the mistake of not tying up the vine crops to their supports early enough



The wall fountain has many possibilities of treatment. It may offer sharp color contrast to its background, or be, as here, identical in tone and material. Walker & Gillett architect architect.

Gillies

# A PLEA FOR THE WALL FOUNTAIN

A Garden Accessory Whose Possibilities, When it Is Well Designed and Suitably
Placed, Entitle It to a Position of Honor in the Landscape Scheme

# AMY L. BARRINGTON

THE wall fountain as a garden decoration architects are fully alive, but the general public is not so well informed. Fountains, illy basins and swimming pools are having their day, and nearly every well appointed country place has one or more of these attractions. But the small wall fountain, which is comparatively inexpensive, has not heretofore had many admirers. There is nothing in the garden that adds more to it than does the fountain, assuming that it is well designed and properly placed.

The setting has much to do with the success of a wall fountain. A small, quiet nook of a place is perhaps the best. Unexpectedly one comes upon the fairy plume of water, perhaps half lost in mist, or finds on a shadowy wall a satyr disdainfully spouting from his mouth into a wavy pool below. Again, it may be a sunny bowl where goldfish disport in glowing

circles, or the fountain may be set in a garden wall with nearby benches where one sits to rest and listen to the small but constant silver stream. Though house and garden planning are closely akin, there is perhaps more pleasure (to a garden lover) to be found in the garden. The color, the endiess variety of light and shade, the unexpected vistas that one consecret, the fragrance of the roses and pungent box, and not least the wall fountain with its refreshing tinkle of water—all these fill the garden hours with delight.

#### Size and Effect

The popular idea that a fountain necessarily entails a large expense in the making is quite untrue. Nor does it follow that because the fountain is small the pleasure of possessing it is equally so. Quite out of proportion to the

size is the real enjoyment of the fountain's owner. Like the garden, it soon attains a personality which appeals. Not long ago, when on a visit to a country place where the garden pool is surrounded by roses, I was interested in seeing how the goldfish came to the surface when the owner walked by. Daring gleams of black and gold shimmered where a moment before the pool had seemed entirely empty. This particular garden pool is a pet possession of the owner.

To refer to the Old World gardens of Italy, France and England and their many famous fountains is to call to mind some of the beauty spots of the world. There the architects have used a small amount of water in creating the largest possible effect by utilizing it over and over, breaking it up by changing its movement, and making it into a picture by framing its

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An example of contrast between fountain and wall. Note, however, that the design is kept simple, as a wall fountain should be. The ivy will soon cover the trellis

The fountain on the Joseph H. Choate place at Lenox, Mass. (below), has as its central feature one of the many conceptions of a satyr's head suitable for such work



A wall fountain at the home of Earle P. Charlton, Esq., Westport Harbor, N. Y. Conventionalized, sea-horses supply the water. Forley & Hooper, architects

In the center a satur's head peers from the very that drapes of structored wall. On the grounds of the H. H. Logers place at Tuxedo, N. Y. Walker & Gillette, architects



# KITCHENETTE CLAIMS in the LEAGUE of RATIONS

Vest Pocket Culinary Departments That Save Time, Space and Labor by Using Electricity

#### ETHEL R. PEYSER

"JOY!" gasped Mrs. Gregory Eggleston, turning on the electric current for breakfast coffee.

"Isn't it a luxury after you've been out late," she said turning to her guest, Mrs. Bradford Reardon, "not to have to think of servants and be able to have breakfast like this at 10:30— with impunity! You know I think the kitchenette will rob domestics of house room!"

"It certainly is a luxury to have a little coking kit like this whether one has another home or not. And to have it as you have—within easy driving distance from the theater, where you and your friends can spend the night and breakfast like kings from this shiny apparatus. Besides," she continued, "it's amazing how a little 6' x 5' room (see plan 1) does solve the omnipresent question of how to live in the country and yet not have to depend on hotels to keep one comfortable while attending to the affairs of business and pleasure in the city."

"You're right," agreed Mrs. Eggleston, taking some chilled oranges out of the refrigerator under the table, "Gregory and I wanted the country for our growing kindergarten and yet it seemed impossible until we thought of this scheme. Gregory has so many interests in the city and you know how many I have that it seemed almost exile to leave it. If we didn't have this place, I'd be on the road all the time, whereas now when I am home I can devote my entire time to the kiddies."

#### Dropping the Maids

"But," she went on, "you'd be surprised how Gregory hated the idea at first of a manless or maidless entourage. He said he couldn't bear to think of me messing with stoves, etc., and now you should see him! He loves it—he helps me too, and says it makes him think of our early days—and he loves me to wait on him and be alone with him." "The kitchenette as the domestic canteen has come to stay." Mrs. Reardon said, and then looking about her with an amused flash in her eye, "but your kitchenette, dear, is like an ordinary kitchen. The kitchenettes I've conjured up when thinking of them at all, have been little curtained slits in the wall in the corner of two rooms without bath, clothes closets without clothes, bath rooms without baths, washstands capped with shelves full of canned goods and gas appliances all permitting of cookery with every requisite for human food event the desire to eat it."

except the desire to eat it."
"Yes," laughed Mrs. Eggleston, "I guess
the only definition of a kitchenette is: a place
to cook smaller than your previous one and
smaller than any kitchen of any of your
friends!"

"But," Mrs. Reardon continued with rapture, "your kitchenette is a dream. It always reminds me of jewels—the tiled floors, walls



Almost everything runs by electricity in this elaborate kitchenette-electric stove, dishwasher, bread mixer, and ice machine. There are no back-breaking cupboards, but the utensils are hung up at a reachable height. Courtesy of the Edison Co.



The most compact kitchenette can be made to fold up into a cabinet. Here it is, with electric stove, ice box, drawers below and a pull-out work shelf and foodstuff shelves above. Courtesy of the Edison Co.

and ceiling like luminous settings and the apparatus like lovely gems. Really it breeds appetite and culinary provess. Any one could cook in this place! And when I'm not in such an esthetic mood I am reminded of an engine room in a small electric vacht."

room in a small electric yacht."
"That is amusing," said Mrs. Eggleston, laughing, "but I hardly can see how it could be otherwise because Gregory and I thought of all the yachts we knew before arranging this kitchenette. He always says, 'Well, dear, we certainly are ship-shape here—even if we don't own a yacht!"

Whether the slit in the wall kitchenette or the tiled kitchenette is the only kitchen in the family, or whether the kitchenette is only for weekends of the foregoing variety, it must be small and ship-shape. These are the only definite kitchenette requirements.

### The Necessary Equipment

It need consist only of a couple of three foot shelves, so compact are the stoves and ranges made for light housekeeping. But roominess is no crime, so multitudinous are the tools to play with. Smallness, however, is usually synonymous with convenience in kitchenettes.

Nearly every professional woman and many men in the large cities are banded into a huge League of Rations by the sympathetic tie of small kitchenettes. These compact cooking outfits make their lives simple, adaptable and healthful, they are the result of the hatred of the restaurant and café which turn steady diet into a farce, and they put an end to the regime: "Eat, drink and be merry, for to-morrow we diet." And so the slit in the wall or the covered cupboard is made the nucleus of home cooking and family feeling. No servants needed, none missed and a feeling that one is not living down by doing one's own work but living up by managing the difficult combination of living well and doing one's job on the (Continued on page 76)

Walter Russell, artist and culinary hedonist, has a kitchenette in which the stove hides behind a mirrored door flanked with tile, while the rest of the kitchenette is finished in transparent white paint, and cement floor







If one has no kitchenette a whole meal can be prepared on the dining room table in a table range and ovenette, the smallest form of compact electric stove. Courtesy of the Edison Co.



# REAL HALF TIMBER WORK

The Principles on Which Is Built Sincere Architectural Construction

HOBART B. UPJOHN

TINE houses out of ten, regardless of style, are framed structures to which is applied the style they are intended to represent. A "showy" box in other words, to which are nailed moldings and wood columns and pilasters fashioned to the correct outlines and form. The result may be a home in many cases pleasing and comfortable, but it is really not much more than a prettily painted and finished exterior, an application of rouge, paint and powder.

We may admire these buildings much as we do the buildings built at the various expositions for design and style. But when we learn they were only skeleton framework and staff or stucco we turn away with a distinct sense of disappointment, not in the lack of design or beauty, but because the beauty was only skin deep.

only skin deep.

Now, when throughout history a new style
was evolved it almost
invariably arose from a
definite method of

Sincere workmanship is shown in the sketch of this house at Rye, New York, recently finished by the author



building construction around which and developing with it grew what we call "style". The post and lintel were the base of the Greek, the round arch the cause of the Roman, the pointed arch the Gothic, and the timbered wall combined with the Gothic detail out of which it grew the

Elizabethan.

Therefore to realize fully the sense of building in our design we must have back of our construction the honest method which caused the inception of the style. This sense of honest construction is particularly important to the proper carrying out of the timbered

house.

In many cases we see houses of which the alleged timbering is only boarding nailed to a frame core, with corners built up so that their edges show, and often a board curled or warped out of shape. We may be further shocked when we see the boards fully smothered and painted a (Continued on page 78).

In the photograph below the vertical timbers are being halved for the reception of the horizontal stringer



In this stage the first floor timbers are in place and the carpenter is cutting a groove into which to set the window frame



The small photograph above the center shows the joint completed with sheathing and building paper on back of the timber

Here the workmen are setting up the diagonal braces of the corner timbers



One of the new awning stripes comes in a wide green and a wide gray stripe with a narrow white stripe between, a combination both cool looking and effective. The awnings could be finished in a key pattern instead of the usual scallops. Awning cloth such as this comes of a durable quality, \$1 inches wide



The terrace leading to the garden may be shaded by a smart awning made of green and white stripes of the same width. A tan and green, or fawn and green may be had in the same design. An orange and blue stripe is new and effective



S P R I N G T I M E AWNINGS HAVE VARIED STRIPES

Courtesy Joseph P. McHugh & Son



Another new cloth has a wide and a narrow fawn stripe on white. Others a plain green with white lining or gray with green



June

#### THE GARDENER'S CALENDAR

### Sixth Month



Sweet pea vines trained on fences should be tied up as they grow



should be met with poison sprays or powder



suckers should cut away from the

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY  |
|---|---|
| 1. Do not neglectiospray the iruit trees when they are in the second of | 2. Sow not kale, Brussele sprouts, cat bage, celer and cauliflow er. These whe large enough t bandle shoul betransplante into other bed and set abou 4" apart. From there they can be moved int the garder later. |
| 9 Tools out   | 0. The elimb  |

22. It is good practice to go over the bedding piants, pinching the tips of their growth frequently. The growth frequently frequently from to become more sturdy and to develop more quickly and in better form. Only the tips need removal.

29. Lettuce will frequently run to seed at this season of the year. Boards or other covering material placed over the plants will tend to reduce the loss from this source. Remove all such covering during wet spells.

16. One of the essentials in producing good fruit is the proper thinning of the crop. The trees should be some over carefully one fruit by about one-half. Larger and better fruit will be the result.

23. Don't neglect to soak the soil thoroughly when it is necessary to resort to artificial watering. The ones are the best time for this work. Cultivation should follow so as to rectablish the dust muich.

THESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY 3. Before applying a mulch to the straw-berries to protect the fruit from dirt is a good practice to give the place to the place the size of the maturing berries. 5. A top dressing ap-plied to the lawn now will encourage root action that will

11. Tomatoes, eucumbers and melons, as well as other garden products that are subject to the sprayed at bi-weekly periods with Bordeaux mixture. Leaves that are affected should be removed at once.

24. Thinning out all the crops in the garden is advisable. This grade is an experience of the control of the co

25. Carnations in the field which are intended for planting out in greenhouses or twinter should be sprayed occasionally with Bordeaux mixture if there is any indication of rust. This will make much difference later. Into the stilly woods I go, Where the shadows are deep and the wind-flowers

blow, And the hours are dreamy and lone and long, And the power of silence is greater than song. -WILFRED CAMPBELL FRIDAY SATURDAY 7. Don't neglect to keep up the sowings in the vegetable garden. Corn, beans and cucumbers should be sown month. Intercopping may be resorted to in many cases with the purpose of increasing the yield.

6. If they have mished flowering, the early spring shrubs such as forsytha, deut-action of the early spring to the early several of the very old branches. By pruning now no flowers will be sacrificed.

12. Care should be taken with all newly planted bardy stock that it be not allowed to suffer for lack of water. Thorough so such as the suffer for lack of water. Thorough so such as the suffer for lack of the suffer for lack of the suffer for suffer for

14. It is a good plan to go o ver the tomato plants, reducing the quantity of ununproductive vines and supporting those the control of the co

20. Tall flowers such as bollyhocks, delphiniums, helianthus, etc., ported before any damage is done by storms and beawy winds. Proper stakes should he put in and the plants can be tied in to them. 21. Be sure you keep the lima beans and peas properly supported: the peas by staking and the lima by staking and the lima by tyring limas should be supported by small pea brus b placed in the row. Such attention repays.

27. It is advisable at this time to take iarge quantities of chrysanthemum cuttings. These if rooted

This Calendar of the gardener's labors is aimed as a reminder for undertaking all his tasks in season. It is fitted to the latitude tasks in the same in the latitude to the latitude to the latitude to the latitude to the whole country lift be remembered that for every one hundred miles north or south there is a difference of from five to seven days later or earlier in performing garden operations. The dates given are, of course, for an average season.



scattered on the soil will improve the



Some sort of trellis should be made ready for the to-mato plants



A can partly filled with kerosene is an excellent receptacle for rose bugs



-Old Doc Lemmon.



A little sheep manure scattered over the grass will improve its quality. This fertilizer should be spread as evenly as possible



The root stock growth of grafted roses should be kept reduced



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# Making a Garden Out of a Sand Heap

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intention being to have the garden ulti-mately about two-thirds perennials and the rest annuals. Having no more spare time than my evenings and holidays I felt that this was best, for to replant felt that this was best, for to replant a garden every spring is a big under-taking. As the summer went along I worked continuously on the soil, keep-ing it cultivated week by week, the top surface never being allowed to rest. time went on my garden flourished, so place some of the plants by better ones of the same kinds

of the same kinds.

From the start I had kept close watch of the best seedsmen's catalogs, attended specialty shows, and little by little had made the acquaintance of nurserymen who limit themselves to special lines. This all proved of value, for when one settles down to gardenian and analysis of the state of the state of the state of the same paragraphs. ing as an amateur, one finds that the best nurserymen not only are in business for a living, but are quite willing to give a helping hand to the man who is really an enthusiastic horticulturist. The specialists charge only a fair price for their roots, and you know what you are getting; you run no more than the average risk of weather, etc., if you take care in the planting.

My flittle plot run cast and west longitudinally, giving me a full southern extendinally, gring me a full southern extendinally carried and the southern provided the property of the provided provided the provided provided the provided provided the provided provid ing as an amateur, one finds that the

for in it one has space for such plants as aquilegia, dielytra, digitals, aconitum, Spirag aruncus, Sweet William, primula and pansies. These all do better for the lack of full sun. Then, too, much of this border can be used to intersperse your annuals, for by the time such young stock is due for planting out the ground has been warmed up by the bibber sin of May.

ground has been warmed up by the higher sun of May.

In the full sun border I planted the peonies, iris, delphinium, phlox and chrysanthemums, the latter that they might have the full benefit of the late autumn sun. What was left of this bed was used for zinnias, cosmos, antirrhinum and other late flowering annuals, to foland other late nowering annuas, to fol-low the peonies and iris. When plant-ing a garden it is well to provide for succession, that you may never lack color from the narcissus in April to the chrysanthemum in November. It is a simple matter to do this, if you study the flowering period and habits of the

Another matter to be considered is so arrange your planting that the bed is well graded, the taller plants going to the back of a border, or in the center of a flower bed, so that nothing is lost of a nower bed, so that nothing is lost to view. My center beds were made oblong, half of the lower one being given over to the strawberries, for I was convinced that my sandy foundation would prove about right for them. Nor was I disappointed, for this little bed, not more than 6' x 10', provided every other night during the fruiting season enough berries for a family of four.

my little vegetable garden. Here I raise each spring a few radishes and lettuce, and follow them by tomatoes for the and follow them by tomatoes for the autumn. Growing vegetables other than these is not worth while in so small a city lot; it isn't large enough for a vegetable garden even if you take it to the exclusion of flowers. One half of the upper center bed is used for roses, the other half for narcissus and roses, the other half for harcissus and tulips in the spring and annuals such as asters later in the season. In the bed at the end of the garden I planted four Lombardy poplars to provide an artistic

planting gave very successful results in curtain between myself and my back the spring and summer.

The roots put in were perennials, my clientino being to have the garden ultimated by the summer of the popular I put intention being to have the garden ultimated by the summer of the properties of the summer of more ornamental than this or a dwarf variety of the deutzia. I selected the former, because in its flowering season, early June, it is a beautiful mass of small white flowers and during the remainder of the summer, and in the autumn, its small, dark green foliage gives

tumn, its small, dark green foliage gives a pleasing effect of the ground almost entirely working the ground almost entirely working the ground almost entirely to walk on the soil. One little thing to remember is that a garden, like a bank account, can't be continually drawn upon without making some deposits, so don't neglect your small load of stable manure each autumn. It extra and provides strengthening fore in etc. and provides strengthening fore in etc. and provides strengthening fore in ter, and provides strengthening force in the spring.

### Some Good Varieties

In the selection of some of the perennials there is a large field open to you, Particularly is this the case in peonies and iris, each of which run into the hundreds; in fact, I know of one spe-cialist who lists over five hundred peonies. Those which I have found the most pleasing for the small garden are: most pleasing for the small garden are: in whites, Festivia maxima and Duchess de Nemours; reds, Rubra triumphans; pinks, Madam Emile Galle, Madam Coste, and Mathilde de Rosenech; of the vari-colored, Philomele and Alexander Dumas, both rose and cream. Of the irises, Mrs. H. Darwin, Madam Chereau, Hector, Idion, and Honorablis. In ablue, Events Lorane d'Ave, Eliss. Chereau, Hector, Idion, and Honorablis. In phlox, Europa, Jeanne d'Arc, Elizabeth Campbell and Argon. Among chrysanthemums, Kenneth and Grace in whites; Triomphe d'Or, yellow; Lillian Doty, one of the finest pinks; Julia Lagravere, crimson; and Dupon de l'Ere, amber and bronze. Of roses there are colors and shades almost beyond number for in which there have been approached by the color of th ber, for in hybrid teas alone there are over, for in nyond teas alone there are over five hundred varieties, besides the hardy perpetuals and climbers. How-ever, Ulrich Brunner, Hugh Dickson, Mrs. Aaron Ward, Mrs. R. G. Sharman Crawford, and Frau Karl Druschki have all stood the test with no more than all stood the test with no more than ordinary care. In delphiniums, both light and dark varieties should find a place; of the former Amos Perry and Lize Van Veen, and King of Delphiniums and Mrs. Creighton in the latter. These with a few Oriental poppies, campanula, digitalis, hollyhock, gaillardia, coreopsis, dahlias, aquilegia, dielytra, Astilbe arendsi, lupines, Sweet William and the clove pinks, will help make up an old-fashioned garden, when accompanied for va-riety by annuals such as zinnia, asters, scabiosa, and antirrhinum. The last is yearly becoming more popular. It is one of the most pleasing flowers of the late season, starting to bloom in August and continuing steadily until frost; i comes in many beautiful shades of solid and broken colors. There is a divided opinion as to whether antirrhinum is The Vegetable Section

The other half of this bed comprised through an average winter, with the reapy little vegetable garden. Here I raise sult that it flowers much earlier the following season

Many wild flowers take kindly to cultivation, and are worthy of a little space. As an example, in my garden stands a specimen of wild aster (Michaelmas daisy) which was gathered from the roadside as a baby, bloomed well the first season after transplanting, and now after three years of care has de-veloped into one of the most beautiful plants, covered in early October with a mass of pale violet flowers with orange ne, 1919

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# Marriage of Flowers by Birds

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Forbes, a green spider-eater (a sun-bird) feeds on the bright flowers of a kind of ginger-that blooms on the surface of the ground in dark places where few in-sects are to be found. No other means of cross-fertilization of this plant are apparent than this particular spider-

Layard relates of a fine honey-sucker in the Island of New Caledonia that in flower; but completely disappeared from the locality when the flowers were gone. Of this and another species he noted that he found a specimen which had its throat covered with yellow pollen 'and we doubt not that some of the large, lofty, flowering trees are fertilized by such agency, as insects are very scarce here."

Darwin concluded that the beaks of birds are specially adapted to the vari-ous flowers which they visit; and Grant Allen expressed the complemental opinion that "many of the most brilliant and beautiful bell-shaped tropical flowers have been specially developed to meet the tastes and habits of these comparatively large and powerful fertilizers."

But it is among the hummingbirds that we get the most striking examples of the reciprocal relation of birds and

It would be hard to find in the animal kingdom a better example of adaptation of form and powers and habits than the hummingbird with its ability to find and live upon food practically inac-cessible to other birds; its marvelous strength of wing, enabling it to hold its body suspended in the air while it obtains this exclusive food; and its long bill and extraordinary tongue that form perfectly fitted implements. These little creatures, rivaling gems in their flashing beauty, illustrate another general and interesting phase of our subject, namely, that, with hardly an exception, the birds associated with flowers are themselves associated with nowers are themselves brightly colored, many gorgeously ar-rayed in their small way, and this de-spite the great disparity among them; even the eucalyptus-aiding lories are

the gaudiest parrots of their showy race, Why? I do not know. About 500 species of hummers have About 500 species of numbers have been catalogued, varying in size from one hardly larger than a bumblebee to a giant as big as a chimney swift, but the differences in bills are even more striking, for the straight beak of a Docmastes may measure 5", more than equal to the combined length of head, body and tail, and capable of penetrating the depths of

certain West Indian islands where log-wood does not grow no species of creep-species of Ramphonicron it is only ½" er, elsewhere frequenting that tree, are long. In some the bill curves slightly to be found. In Sumatra, according to upward; in others downward; in the utoxeres it is bent just like a sickle. All these varieties indicate special re-quirements—the choice of particular kinds of blossoms; and Fritz Müller says that various species of abutilon in southern Brazil are sterile unless fer-tilized by the one kind of bird that frequents each one.

One cannot enumerate many instances of this mutual dependence, but I would

like to give one or two remarkable ex-amples described by Belt in Nicaragua. The flowers of the lofty climbing vine Marcgravia nepenthoides hang down in the form of a circular bunch of pockets over which the stamens curve. In early over which the stamens curve. In early spring these pockets or "pitchers" are filled with a sweetish liquor that at-tracts insects and these in turn the hum-mingbirds. "The flowers are so disposed, with the stamens hanging downwards, that the birds, to get at the pitchers, must brush against them and thus convey the pollen on their backs from one plant to another,

Another species of Marcgravia "has the pitchers placed close to the pedicels of the flowers, so that the birds must approach them from above and anthers are turned upward so that the pollen is taken and given by the breast of the

Another case is that of the palosabre Another case is that of the palosabre Erythrinia whose large red flowers that appear in February, when the tree is leaflets, are shaped like a carving knife. The "handle" is a thick, tough calyx, and the blade the single petal, folded double so tightly that only the stamens protrude a little.

very minute insects can get inside this flower, which is attended by two kinds of hummingbirds having long curved bills. "Whilst the bird is probing the flower," Belt explains, "the pollen of the stamens is rubbed on to the lower part of its head, and thus carried from one flower to fecundate another. The bottom of the flower is covered by a thick calyx—an effectual guard against the attempts of bees or wasps to break through and get at the honey. Hummingbirds feed on minute insects, and the honey would only be wasted if larger ones could gain access to it; but in the flower of the palosabre this contingency is simply and effectual-ly guarded against."

It is evident that birds take an important part in the proper fertilization of plants; and also that the flowers take an important part in providing insect fare for the smaller birds. Their interrelations offer an interesting study.

# Furnishing the Room From Cretonne

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cretonne, which, being very splashy, was used only at the windows, on a pillow, a banding of it on another pillow done in black velour, and on a runner for a tiny table.
Seven pieces of the furniture were

Seven pieces of the furniture were black. A chest of drawers, a bookcase, a desk, two wall chairs, a Windsor, and a tiny tip-top table. The desk was painted a brilliant Chinese red inside, and the drawers were lined with the same color; the tip-top had a scarlet date. The color of the chest was the desired to the color of the co edge. There was a mahogany daybed with a throw cover of King's blue, and pillows in varying tones of rose red and black, one of them matching the cur-tains. An ivory wicker lounging chair with a blue seat and rose cushion; a neutrally upholstered wing chair; a mahogany gateleg table. A tea cart of red The pheasant is a gorgeous fellow of Chinese lacquer, with a brass kettle and green and yellow, rose and peacock blue, flagon, cups of blue pottery, and a (Continued on page 62)

Chinese red kochi pot. A gray bean-pot lamp with a rose red silk shade; a ma-hogany lamp with a shade of blue; mirrors; tall candlesticks; books of many colors; some used pewter. A satisfactory room—and all from a bit of cretonne.

Truly a game for the gods. Truly a game for the gods.

And when perhaps more subtlety is desired we turn to the rich cretonne set forth for you really to see and called, delightfully, Golden Pheasants upon Cream. This cretonne is by no means quiet, it fairly sings with color, and I should call it one of the most beautiful but her been reached accepts. On that has been produced recently. On the background of a grayish cream, very nearly the actual color of putty, there are peacock green leaves, yellow green leaves, and mulberry leaves and vines.



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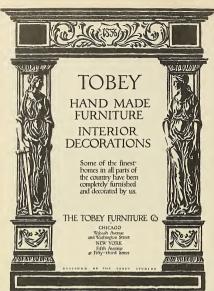
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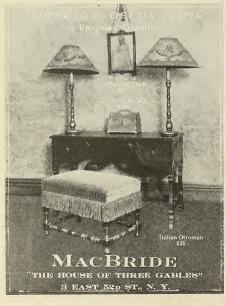


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with tail feathers of spun gold. this on this pheasant cretonne, together with dahlias of magenta and old pink, rose phlox, old yellow tulips, and feathery combs of purple and black and gold. Truly a feast for the senses, and quite beautiful enough to be framed and hung on the wall.

and hung on the wall.

If the temptation were not quite so great to make curtains of it! Which is as it should be. Floor length curtains lined with wistaria sun-fast, the wellshaped valance bound with yellow, the same color of spun gold. Pull curtains of old yellow are used at the windows instead of window shades, and are hidden between the overdrapes and the glass curtains of ivory mull, when not

The wall is satisfactorily painted in a light putty, matching the background of the hangings. The furniture is of that mysterious brown which leaves one so satisfactorily in doubt as to whether it be mahogany or walnut. And the new Italian note is sounded in the smart center table, to match which there

All can be found a bookcase and a desk, The rug is putty brown; the wing arm chair is upholstered in magenta velour, with a line of gold; two overstuffed chairs are upholstered in the stuffed chairs are upholstered in the cretonne with backs of dark putty-colored velour. There is a walnut desk, harmonizing with, though not matching, the table. This is shown in the photograph. The bench-thing is upholstered in the pheasant material. The sofa is covered in a putty velour, emsoria is considered in the property of the property o broidered by hand in a pheasant's-eye spot design in magenta, black and gold. Notes of brilliant rose, purple and green are slipped, in the shape of luster ware, are supped, in the shape of fuster ware, into the corner cupboard; the lamp-shades are of black, decorated in color; a peacock jar holds converse with vases of lavender and candlesticks of pewter

on the mantel, and the pillows are of deep blackish purple and gold.

You will find that one of the joys of

using a length of cretonne for the keynote of the furnishing of a room will be the achievement of a daring color scheme which you could not think of otherwise.

# A Plea for the Wall Fountain

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inconspicuous details in stone and shrubbery to complete the effect they wished to give to the observer

In such gardens the fountain or pool played an important part, for it was realized that the value of water, with its sparkle, its color and light, is great,

edges with a picturesque floral or archi- and use was made of it accordingly, tectural treatment. The artists and We in the New World are following, architects did not disdain to work out though sometimes afar off, these beautiful gardens of the Renaissance, with their silent, grass-grown walks, terraced their silent, grass-grown walks, terraced pools and wonderful vistas. And be-cause we love and admire them, in time we will equal the masterpieces which their creators with the passing years have made them.

# Ivory Thrones and Elephants

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not one quite up to Homer's implied prowesses. If I were, I suppose I would be quite as content with blue ribbons, whereas my soul, my collecting soul, yearns for the crimson-dyed check-piece of History's day-dawn!

or History's cay-cawn:
You less sympathetic ones—though I
doubt if your curiosity brings you to
these lines!—will think that the weather
may have something to do with the matter. I assure you—I have told you it is
a rainy day—that it has, but only because it evokes a whole band of spirit memories of the past. One does not like to think of ivories that crumble to dust, dry up and pulverize. They get thirsty. Do you not recall how the deep well under the ivory statue of Asklepios was reputed to keep the image in fine form, how the Ephesians poured water or oil (perhaps both) through hundreds of little apertures in the ivory statue of Artemis that the wooden framework Artems that the wooden framework supporting the covering of ivory might not shrink and cause the plates to split? And did not the Athenians reserve in their theater a special seat for the one whose duty it was to clean with rain water the ivory statue of Zeus? This, Pausanius tells us, was kept in condition by olive oil and water. Certain it is ivory can be rendered somewhat ductile by various oils and vinegar. Per-haps some time we shall recover a knowledge of what seems to be the lost art of softening ivory to such a state as of softening ivory to such a state as the ancients seem to have been able to bring it. Only by some such process can it have been possible for such large surfaces of unbroken ivory as the an-cients are credited with having used to have been available. It has been sug-gested that large sections of tusks tween subjected first to a softening and then to a spiral cutting and unwinding, as it

trust I am valiant, but I can make were, and the matter has furnished serino boast of being a horseman, at least ous savants with wonderful opportunities for differing with their colleagues. As for me, the matter is interesting because a halo of romance must ever cling

cause a naio of romance must ever cling to the "lost arts."

Because I have spoken of rainy days and ivories, do not think I would turn the world into a humidor for my own few treasures of this fictile sort! Somehow the drizzling ratin outside seems a fit setting for the medieval bits, and I can even conjure up an elephant hunt, or those gloomy days when Alexander the Great pushed on into the jungles of the Great pushed on into the jungles of India and seemed to encounter all the elephants on earth that might have fur-nished enough ivory to stock the world of his day, to build such statues as that ivory one of Athene Alea with which Augustus Caesar ran off to Rome the time he took with him the famous tusks of the Collegian. Box the Athene of the Calydonian Boar, the Athene which he later set up near the Forum.

My own treasures are few, so few that I do not spread them before you verbally lest you think discouragingly of their extent. But this I must tell you: collecting ivories is a pursuit aught with keen pleasure.

In the first place one does not need to have "ivory thrones, sceptres and couches," life-size Chryselphantine statues of Zeus, of Athene, rods of Roman Senators and the like to feel that there is comfort and delight in what he has been able to acquire in the way of objects of carved ivory. He may chance to discover an antique bit, or his acquisitions may not even reach objects of the medieval period. Fine ivories have been highly prized from immemorial times and one may as well disclose the fact that a lengthy, unhesitating purse is needed for such bits as would cause museum curators to rub their eyes, and

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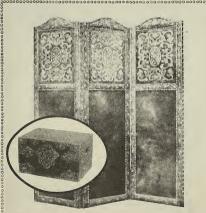
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# Ivory Thrones and Elephants

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the palms of connoisseurs to itch, round or ribbed handles from ivory, and But who seeks to outrun curators and make an opening through the middle connoisseurs? We simple-hearted folk lengthwise, then with various files propmay find our ecstasies in a Chinese card-case of exquisite workmanship, a Japanese statuette of beauty and grace, an old French chessman that perhaps the curator might have snatched up had he curator might have shatched up had he seen it first, a Roman stylus some truthful traveler—let us believe there are such!—picked up on the fields that skirt the Appian Way. Did Terence use it or did Tacitus, Procopius or Propertius; or did Suetonius keep it sharpened to his record of scandal? Who knows! After all the pleasure in things is meas-ured by their appeal to the imagination; at least I must conjecture so, for I know an old lady who finds infinite delight in collecting bone buttons, and an old gen-tleman who exhibits an equal zest for current banknotes.

#### Elephant Tales

And so with this little group of ivories with which I am amusing myself this rainy day. Did I say amusing myself? with which I am amusing myselt this rainy day. Did I say amusing myself? Well might I add instructing, since they invariably lead me to take down from their shelf history after history, book after book. One day I read all about elephants. I had put it off as long as seemed deent, for, after all, did I not owe it to Mr. Elephant to study his contribution to my pleasure? I had ex-pected to be bored. Frankly I was not. From Tentobocchus, the Cimbrian Chief whose towering height was the marvel of Roman chroniclers, down to the Eleof Roman chroniclers, down to the Elephantida of modern times the story was
worth following. It was diverting, too.
One learns, for instance, from that fascinating volume "Ivory and the Elephant" by Dr. George Frederick Kunz,
how "a queer African name, or we
should perhaps rather say designation of
ivory, is reported by an English coliner
in the Sudan. When a native comes to
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the comes to be the comes to be the comes to points to his teeth, then puts his hands to his teeth, then part together at the side of his face and says 'Dead elephant,' this term being in general use among these natives for ivory eral use among these natives for lovey. This is but one of the many stories the reader will find recorded in the book I mentioned. Alfred Maskell's "Ivories" in the Connoisseur's Library series, issued in America, is another volume interesting and instructive alike, though neither so late nor so comprehensive as

on another day I have taken down from its shelf old Theophilus's "Treatise Upon Divers Arts," a 12th Century handbook of technique, therein to read the entertaining chapter "Of Sculpturing Ivory." There he saith, "in sculpturing ivory, first form a tablet of the magnitude you may wish, and superposing chalk, portray with a lead the figures according to your pleasure, and with a pointed instrument mark the lines that they may appear; then carve the grounds as deeply as you wish with different instruments, and sculp the figures or other thing you please according to your invention and skill. But should you wish to ornament your work with a leaf of gold, lay on glue of the bladder of the fish which is called the 'huso,' and the leaf being cut into small pieces, overlay it as you please. Fashion also

er for this work enlarge this opening that it may be inside as outside and let it be smooth everywhere and moderate ly thin; and portray flowerets around it very finely, or animals, birds, or dragons twisted together by the necks and tails, and transpierce the grounds with very fine instruments, then sculp with very fine instruments, then sculp as gracefully and as artistically as you may be able. Which, being done, fill the opening inside with the oak wood which you cover with thin gilt copper, so that through all the grounds the gold can be seen; and so two pieces being joined in from a particle of the same ivory, close the hole before and behind, you will fasten these on with ivory pegs, so cunningly, that no one may be able to see how the gold is laid in. After to see how the gold is laid in. After this make an opening in the small piece in front in which the blade is placed, the handle of which, being heated, can be easily inserted because the wood is with-in, and it will stand fast; make also a which bandle and continued. in, and it will stand fast; make also a plain handle, and, according to its size, make an opening in which the blade should be placed, and join the wood carefully into it, and according as the wood is fashioned so cause the handle of the knife to be made. Then pound some clear Thus into the finest powder, some clear Thus into the linest powder, and fill the opening of the handle with it, and envelop the blade near the handle with a wet cloth, in a threefold manner, and placing it before the furnace warm and placing it before the furnace warm this handle until it slightly glows, and immediately fix it carefully in the handle that it may be well joined in, and it will stand firmly."

### Pieces From the Past

I think I should like this object as well as the daggers of Moses' time! But it would be of Theophilus's, the time when Greece was the painter of the continent, Tuscany the enameller, Arabia the worker in metals, Italy the jeweler, France the worker in glass, Spain the chemist, industrious Germany anxious in acquiring dexterity, or knowledge in all. when all these artists had constructed and were adorning the church of St. Mark at Venice, and were elsewhere oc-cupied in Western Europe in "writing" or painting the sacred histories in the churches in terms which were churches in terms which were in that time synonymous so that the illiterate might read the examples set before them, a time that preceded the glories of the Renaissance to follow. Ah, good old Theophilus! How carefully you set down the arts of the past! How easy you make it all seem! But I turn to this little globe of pierced ivory, this little globe of pierced ivory, containing globe within globe, exquisitely, patiently and marvelously wrought, and I realize it is not so easy after all! Perhaps those very difficulties that beset your followers have added charm to the bits of their work that have come to bless my leisure!

At any rate, I have no guilty feeling of extravagance in the matter, for they are worth their weight in gold to me, and cost but their weight in metal less precious, since I have been so fortunate as to have picked them up in my travels and in my browsings for the collector's proverbial song—ah, who that collects begrudges its notes!





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# Work Among the June Vegetables

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String beans for table or canning should be gathered before any beans are developed in the pods. This can be easily determined by This can be easily determined by breaking open a couple of pods. Spinach and Swiss chard or beet tops which are canned green should be attended to when very young. This means more work than when the vegetable is canned old, as there is more shrinkage in old, as there is more shrinkage in the canning operation. The leaf of the old vegetable becomes coarser and does not shrink as much, but the extra work of using the young vegetable is well worth the effort.

## Corn\_Requirements

It makes little difference whether corn be sown in drills or hills. The principal factor in de-termining the quality of the crop will be the condition of your ground, although this may be overcome to some extent even at overcome to some extent even at this late hour by proper methods of refertilization. While corn is considered an easy crop to handle, it it grows very rapidly and any check that it might suffer is cer-tain to have its effect on the yield. The secret of corn growing, therefore, is to have the ground in such a condition that

of the plant a very short time after



Brush tips are a wise addition to the egg-plant and pepper plantings. Though the plants are not climbers, supports benefit them



ground in such a condition that the growth is very sturdy. Come is what we might term a dry weather crop; therefore, over-watering would be considered dangerous. That is another pearation for keeping the corn planting mature. If planted in drills, the plants rather isolated. If mixed with other should be thinned out to at least 12 crops it might be necessary to water the inches in the row. Closer planting than corn when watering the others. Ground that is poor can be improved to the control of the plant of the corn has developed growth. Most of the plant conditions first in the corn has developed growth. Most of minerous suckers. It is quite necessary and are therefore available for the use can are the objective.

Most people assume that the principal

vation is to maintain a mulch of loose earth which acts as a blanket, covering the moisture in blanket, covering the moisture in the lower soils, and leave it there for the use of the plants. The rain penetrating into the earth after reaching a cortain point is the action of the wind, sun and other elements. This is called the upward passage of soil moisture. When the surface soil is baked and hard this moisture is quickly dissipated by the elements, but dissipated by the elements, but a mulch of any kind, whether it where the surface is covered with a mulch of any kind, whether it be loose earth, leaves or litter, the moisture is immediately ar-rested in its upward passage. Also keep in mind that this mois-ture is impregnated with the fertility of the soil though which it passes. Therefore, a baked, arid soil is casting into the air much of its fertility.

#### Cultivation and Plant Food

Deep cultivation is advisable. There is very little danger at-tached to cultivation with impletached to cultivation with implements that are made for this purpose. The surface roots that might be destroyed in this operation are more than offset by the deep rooting which is encouraged by keeping the surface soil stirred. It matters very (Continued on page 68)

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# Work Among the June Vegetables

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work their gatures for an entire sum-mer without resorting to artificial meth-ods of watering. This, of course, is a distinct advantage, not only because of the economical value, but where the ground is made productive by cultivation the effects are more lasting than where growth is temporarily stimulated by the application of water. Another point that might be well worth while considering is the fact that all soils contain hard lumps, or areas of small soil par-ticles so tightly compacted as to hold ticles so tightly compacted as to hold is somewhat larger, is also a good bean, their shape. These lumps contain conord available for the plants unless broken. Deeper cultivation encourage to the provide the provided provided the provided provided the provided p

#### Enriching the Soil

Liquid foods of all kinds are more quickly available for the use of the plants than any other fertilizer applied to the soil. The reason for this is that all forms of plant food must be soluble before being assimilated by the plant. It is, therefore, a general practice among gardeners to stimulate plant growth to quick maturity or a high degree of per-fection by the frequent application of liquid manure

liquid manures.

Various fertilizers may be applied to the ground in this manner. More care must be taken in using the stronger feedings, such as nitrate of soda, sulphate of ammonia, etc. It is a good phate of ammonia, etc. It is a good practice to have placed at convenient points several barrels of water in which may be placed sacks containing any kind of good manure, left for several days, then thinned down to the color of weak tea before applying. After several applications the strength can be gradually increased. With commercial

cractually increased. With commercial relations and interest of the water will be found sufficient. It is a bad practice to feed plants entirely on one diet, and it is well to balance the diet somewhat by occasional changes. Crops that remain in high quality. The constant picking also improved by regular applications of inhiph quality. The constant picking also improved by regular applications of inhiph quality. The constant picking also improved by regular applications of inhiph quality. The constant picking also picking also greater than the provided provided and the provided provided and the provided prov

little what type of implement is used there and may possibly cause damage, for this purpose. This stirring of the Peas, spinach, radishes and other soil should be attended to at least once crops which will be maturing in rapid every week and certainly immediately succession should be followed by other after every rain. Professional gardeners crops of equal food value. If your who realize the undorful advantages ground is in a productive state it is of constant cluitvation seldom fall to wasteful to allow it to lie idle. If it is work their gardens for an entire sum—not in a productive state it is thould be mer without re-orting to artificial meth—made so by the restoration of the soil. This is best accomplished by the sow-Inis is best accomplished by the sow-ing of cover crops with a view to turn-ing them under. Shell beans are a very easy crop to grow and immune from the dangers of hot, dry weather. They should be started at this time. The should be started at this time. Ine small white, or navy, bean, our most popular shell bean, is grown in almost every garden, but there are many others equally good. The white marrow, which is somewhat larger, is also a good bean, or even the large white kidney bean;

> useful winter crop and can be kept the entire winter by covering with salt hay or other loose material. It can be sown in drills and thinned out. Mangels, carrots, etc., can be sown now. Mangels, carrots, etc., can be sown now. Mangels are good when used for cattle or chickens, and this is a good way to employ the ground. Where other crops have been sown, a large quantity of good manure should be thoroughly incorporated with the soil before planting the second crop.

#### Spinach, Root Crops and Peas

Spinach should be ready for canning You will find that spinach which now. You will med that spinach which is maturing this month is superior to any in your garden. By lifting the plants and cutting off the roots before placing in the basket, they will entail less work when canning, as less washing is required. Beets and carrots from early sowings should also be ready now for canning, as it is advisable to use these vegetables when small. It is an easy matter to judge from the size of easy matter to judge from the size of your plantings about the quantity you will require for your table before the next sowing will be ready. Peas are considered to be best in

# American Sculpture for American Gardens

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nized as Grecian art.

In those early days the Greek sculptor found his chief employment in embellishing the temples of the gods and in marking the graves of the dead with funeral "steles," as well as the adornment of certain household implements of every-day use. It was a conventional art, and in spite of modern cults that seek its glorification, was stilted and confined. Greece's sculptors

Carthage and Egypt, "its sculpture was navies ruled the seas and Greek mer-of the kind called "archaic"—splendid chant ships transported the wealth of in its spirtuality, it is true, but not the world. Her traders became rich, attaining the beauty which is recog-inized as Greeta art. and those suburban homes with their wonderful gardens gave Greece her golden age of sculpture.

The aristocratic Greek trader, half

politician, half merchant, with the lap, was a patron of the arts com-parable to none. He sought to surround himself with beauty, and he was proud stilled and confined. Greec's sculptors to find that beauty, and he was proud bad not yet come to their splendid free dome.

Then the genius of the Greek for late this beauty into marble and some arms and for trade asserted itself. For-was given the glory that belonged to cign nations were conquered, Greek (Continued on base 70).



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# American Sculpture for American Gardens

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Those wonderful statues of goddesses, of nymphs, of boxers, of discus throwers, of warriors, all were made either for Greek gardens or for the porticos and halls leading into those gardens. The remains of this art which are our have been excavated on the sites of those ancient, suburban homes of Greece-for instance, the Venus di Milo, which was found on the site of a of Greece—for instance, the venus of tall exercise of their talents; is changed Milo, which was found on the site of a Memerican garden statuary is changed to the state of th

and anstocrats adorned their own gardens with the art not only of their own country but of fallen Greece.

An Italian garden! The very expression brings to mind the statuary that graced the Italian renaissance, and this renaissance was contemporary with the times when the Italian states were rich, when, midway between the Orient and the Occident, they were the traders of the world.

The "parcs" of France, those stately grounds surrounding the mansions of the French nobles who were the re-tainers of Louis XIV and Louis XV, call tamers of Lous XIV and Lous XV, call to mind the bronze groups of those 17th and 18th Century Frenchmen who created the most glorious school of French sculpture that the Gauls have ever produced.

Is a golden era of American sculpture about to dawn, under precisely the same influences that brought greatness to the influences that brought greatness to the sculpture of Greece, Rome, Italy and France? The answer can well be affirmative; in fact, that the first streaks of that dawn already have appeared—a light that is full of promise.
Sculpture lagged behind painting in
America. Early American sculpture
need hardly be mentioned. It was

need hardly be mentioned. It was smooth, precise, sweet, uninspired, wholly Victorian—a mere imitation of the insipidities of 10th Century Italian sculpture—celectic and conventional and even below the point of mediocrity.

#### The New American Sculpture

The new sculpture had its birth ten or twelve years ago, when America's wealthy families began their movement wealthy families began their movement toward magnificent and beautiful sub-urban homes. With the planning of these country homes, which came to be they ear-around residences of many of their owners, there grew a demand for native sculpture which immediately began to develop the best that was in American talent. This development are cached such a point in 1913 and early in 1914 that American sculptors were flooded with orders.

A new spirit developed, also. There came freedom and appreciation, and came freedom and appreciation, and fine works were eagerly sought. The American patrons of art already had grown to appreciate the best in painting. Their standard in sculpture was so high and their ideas so liberal that the native artist found full play for his imagination. His public demanded the highest artistic achievement of which he was carable. He was sinshired by highest artistic achievement of which he was capable. He was inspired by his opportunity, and today America with pride can say that its contem-porary sculpture, as well as its contem-porary painting, is leading the world. The world conflict temporarily checked the output of sculpture by abating the demand, but it did not

quench the sculptor's spirit, because he felt that the future was his, and he has emerged from the eclipse with his ideals strengthened. Opportunity is here again, purchase in 1913 of a certain piece by not simply the old opportunity, but (Continued on page 72)

him; he was not starved for apprecia- a boundless new one. When the war tion; he became a demigod of art. In- began there were eight thousand Ameri-heriting as he did the ideals of his race, can millionaires, who were prospective incruning as are out the mosts on its rate, can immodiaries, who where prospective its genitias and its inspiration, with the patrons of sculpture. Now, according glory of achievement burning in his to official estimates, there are thirty heart, he had freedom—freedom to ex-thousand Americans whose wealth gives press all the beauty that was in his soul. them that classification. With the old Those wonderful statues of goldesess, foundation of culture for them to build upon, and with the splendid country seats of Mrs. Harriman, Mr. Rocke-feller, Mr. Deering, Mr. Schwab, Mrs. H. P. Whitney, Mr. Pratt and others to emulate, it can easily be seen that American sculpture will henceforth develop so as to give our native artists full exercise of their talents.

desires. No other sculpture is appro-priate for these American gardens but American sculpture. This fact was demonstrated in the first efforts at gar-den adornment in this country a few years ago. On this aspect of the situa-tion the ideas of Mr. W. Frank Purdy, head of the Gorbam Sculpture Gallery, who has done more to place the work of American sculptors with American art patrons than any other man, are particularly interesting.

#### American Work for America

"When Americans first began to build suburban homes," says Mr. Purdy, antique statuary from Europe. The result had to be incongruous, and it was. Old world interiors, old world was. Old world interiors, old world paintings and statuary for the interior of the home can be used with success. Within the walls of a house an illusion can be obtained that is perfect and charming. But in a garden this is impossible. America is all around one, and its aspect, its atmosphere cannot be changed. Old world statuary is out of place, just as much so as a battlemented castle would be. Experiments with it have been disappointing. Owners of homes in some instances have spent millions on it, only to find their mistake and replace the antique statuary with modern American works."

Mr. Purdy's view may be illustrated by drawing a parallel with another branch of art. A garden is a landscape. Now, an artist in painting a landscape is sure to rearrange it, so as to obtain is sure to rearrange it, so as to obtain a more pleasing effect, or an effect that better represents the mood in which he views the landscape. To use a technical term, he will probably employ "high lights"; that is, insert objects or figures that interrupt or guide the eye as it passes over his canvas. For instance, pases over his caivas. For instance, the little peasant figures with red kerchiefs or blue aprons that Corot dropped into his landscapes; or the groups of farmhouses or distant villages that Inness used to place in his Montclair subjects. Well, the landscape architect does the same thing. He rearranges his scene, and here and then the pout "his lands" in the same than the same atmosphere it would be as if Corot atmosphere it would be as it color placed an Arabian horseman in one of his quiet glimpses of the Seine valley, or Inness inserted a Moorish castle in the marshes of the Hackensack river.

There there is the speculative instinct which always can be pardoned in a col-lector, for it is only human to take lector, for it is only human to take pride in one's judgment when a chosen work of art is seen to appreciate in value year after year. This happens in sculpture just as it does in painting. A meritorious work by a sculptor whose reputation is growing is very certain to double and treble and quadruple in value. An instance of this was the purchase in 0.13 of a certain piece by



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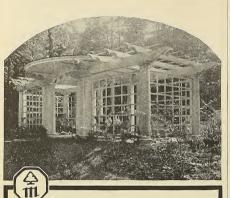
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an American sculptor by a collector ing characteristic in American sculpture who subsequently allowed it to be ex- it is that of intense vitality. Scarcely hibited at the National Academy. It less notable is the expression of the

Great versatility is possible in garden statuary. In one spot the landscape architect will place a fountain. In an-other sunny space, where flowers grow, he will put a sun dial, to measure the summer hours. Elsewhere, where state-

hibited at the National Academy. It less notable is the expression of the won a medal there and was afterward wholesome joy of living. It would seem sought by the Metropolitan Museum of as if the sculptors were inspired by the Art for that institution's permanent spirit of the young nation, glorying in collection. The collector declined to its youth, its ideals, its golden dreams, part with it.

Great versatility is possible in garden free from exolic influence. It representators. In one spot the landscape sents America at its best, with its true

national ideals.

It would hardly be fair to single out for mention the work of individuals. when thirty or forty men and women summer hours. Elsewhere, where statewhen thirty or forty men and women
lines is required, an ambitious figure or are doing such splendid work. They
group is required. At the edge of the are an earnest group and they appregrove, where feathered denizes sign in clate to the fullest the opportunity and
the joy of a protected home, there will the privilege that is theirs. Already
wood nymph or a fawn will suggest a
classical tegend.

American sculptors have arisen to all
these opportunities, with fancy and
names in the Hall of Immortals, where
with spirit. If there is one distinguish—all who come after may read.

## From Candles to Incandescence

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completely fills all the ideals of quality ligently tended and their wicks trimmed.

There is no light so restful and agreeable in quality to the eye as candle light and no light is kindlier to the appearance of a room. The radiance is mild and diffused, shadows are not cut sharp nor exaggerated, and the colors in furniture and decorations are not outraged. The volume of light can easily be regu-lated by the number of candles.

### Using Candles

Candles as a means of lighting are perfectly practicable. The only possible objections that can be urged against objections that can be urged against them with any show of vallidity are cost and bother. Neither obstacle is very serious; the former can be ingeniously circumvented, if necessary, the small amount of the latter is not worth considering if one values the agreeable effect of their rooms. Wax candles, of course, are desirable, but stearic acid candles other substitutes for wax are thoroughly satisfactory for general use and will not swale nor drip unduly unless exposed to a strong draft.

exposed to a strong draft.

It is well to have a good broad glass bobêche for each candle. Any chance drippings can then be easily removed without dirt or trouble. As a rule, the use of shades on candles should be avoided. Shades are apt to be fussy and overdone. Besides that—and this is really the important thing—a candle is, in itself, an object of grace and beauty, but its chaste and dignified simplicity of line is marred and hidden when its shaft is surmounted with a topheavy, frilly contrivance resembling an abbreviated ballet skirt. Upon the makabbreviated ballet skirt. Upon the making of such shades entirely too much valuable energy is wasted. The flame of the candle, too, is an essential part of its beauty; when it is hidden we lose a decorative asset that contributes a desirable note of brilliancy. The gleam is not disagreeable to the eye if the candle is of several third with the candle is of several third and the safe of the several third s dle is of the proper height and properly placed. For the dinner table use tall candles, tall enough to keep the flame above the level of the eye. For the library, living-room, or drawing-room, sconces will be at a sufficient height, and portable candles may be so disposed mantels, the tops of bookshelves, tables or cabinets, that the flames are

comfortably above eye level.

Next in line comes oil. The light is agreeable to the eye and satisfactory in its action upon decorations and furnishings. The degree of light and its regu-lation depend entirely upon the kinds of lamps used and the shades employed. It is a sufficient and convenient illumi-nant and practicable if the lamps are intel-

For purely practical reasons, small lamps are generally undesirable and better results are gained by using medium-sized or large lamps. A wide choice in lamps and shades is possible, but this is entirely within the householder's or decorator's province and to be decided by the needs of the individual case.

Gas, unless well shaded, is trying to the eye, the light is sharp and harsh, and colors suffer under the rays. When burned through chemically prepared filaments or other intensifying devices, the greenish or intense white quality of the light is unpleasant, disastrous to color, and produces a ghastly effect. The cardinal recommendations of gas are con-

venience and cheapness Electricity is convenient, clean and brilliant. Unless fully shaded it is even harder on the eyes than gas and casts sharp, exaggerated shadows. are more disturbing to color values than those of gas, except when bulbs or shades, colored to neutralize or temper the light, are used. Such are, however, contrived with great ingenuity and produce agreeable results. Gas mechanically chemically intensified, and electricity with high voltage bulbs, may be ap-propriate in public places and com-mercial establishments; in domestic interiors they have no proper place.

### Lighting Fixtures

Now we come to the constructive and suggestive part of our discussion. Architectural or fixed lighting appliances may be divided into those (1) that depend from the ceiling and (2) those that are from the ceining and (2) those that are fixed to the walls. The dependent group includes chandeliers, hanging lamps, hanging lanterns, and drops. The af-fixed group includes sconces, girandoles, wall lamps, wall lanterns and sundry sorts of brackets. Portable appliances belong in a class by themselves and will not here be considered; the householder or decorator can best adjust them to the individual case.

Impressive and large chandeliers, for candles, gas or electricity, are appropricandies, gas or electricity, are appropri-ate in large, stately, formal rooms with high ceilings or in lofty halls, hanging, perhaps, in the open space of the stair well. In small or informal rooms they have no place at all.

Smaller chandeliers with only a few lights, known as "hanging branches" until the early part of the 18th Century, allow greater latitude of use. As de-signers for gas and electric appliances for chandeliers have generally conformed to candle traditions, the principles ap-

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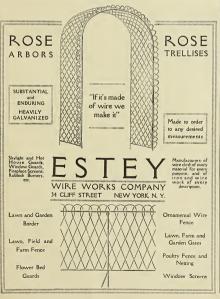
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# From Candles to Incandescence

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When chandeliers are used, have also if possible, in a balanced or symmetrical enough side lights at a lower level; manner, or to therwise the center of illumination is letter bulbs should be screened from too high. Only in exceptional cases, view by shades or by devices for diffuse even when candles are burned, can a ing the light. The following may be

chandelier be successfully used as the sole source of illumination. sole source of lumination.

Hanging lamps and lanterns for halls, entries, stair wells and rooms, especially large rooms, permit a freer use than chandeliers. Drops, usually and preferably for electric lights properly shaded, with the bulbs concealed from beneath, are to be recommended for use above dressing stands. "Domes" of every kind.

Sconces, wall lanterns and all other fixed lighting appliances, every one of which ought to have a very real decorative as well as utilitarian function, should be placed (1) where they will be useful; (2) not too high so that most of the light goes to the ceiling; (3) and,

Electric bulbs should be screened from view by shades or by devices for diffus-ing the light. The following may be noted as a few of the acceptable possi-bilities in electric fixtures:—chandeliers in which the bulbs are wholly concealed by crystals; globular crystal chandeliers with the bulbs inside; the old Empire with the bulbs inside; the old Empire mantel lamps with pendent prisms, the bulbs inside a ground glass shade; adap-tations of the same form to wall fix-tures; for both hanging and wall use, any of the lantern forms, Florentine, Renaissance or old English, with a full length cylindrical bulb inside ground glass facets; the bulb concealed by a thick glass "sun-burst" of divergent rays, or any design making use of principle; the bulb concealed by a Japanese semi-circular rice-paper wall lantern, and

# The Fifty Best Climbing Roses

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have had to give preference to others have nad to give preference to others that are possibly not quite as good, but they flower either much earlier or later when there is a dearth of bloom. As an example, Philadelphia rambler might be cited. For color and growth it should certainly be included in the best fifty, but flowering as it does when most climbers are in their glory, its value de-preciates. To take its place I have in-stalled Gruss an Freundorf, a wichuraiana introduced by Praskac in 1913. This variety has the same wonderful glowing crimson, rather deeper than the former; the foliage is a little better and in addition it flowers right at the end of the season when its beauty is doubly appreciated.

Other names that will be expectantly but vainly sought in this list are purely synonyms, or are not distinctive enough

synonyms, or are not distinctive enough to bear another name. The most con-spicuously in mind as I write are: Lady Gay, synonymous with Dorothy Perkins; Lady Godiva, synonymous with Dorothy Dennison; Farquhar, re-sembling Dorothy Perkins; Newport Faity, resembling American Pillar.

Varieties typified by Garisenda (a personal favorite of mine) have been omitted from the fifty selected because of their moderate to weak growth. This variety when used as a small climber only is beautiful indeed with its satiny malmaison pink flowers. It lacks freeness in flowering, however, and so as a general garden climber cannot be recommended. Possibly — even probably — there are some other varieties which I have not had the opportunity of testing that should be included in this collection.

From advices received from some authorities among whom I must name the late Admiral Aaron Ward, I have made notes to observe specially Alida Lovett, a double flesh similar in shape to Dr. Van Fleet but of deeper pink; Mermaid, single yellow; Roby, single red; as well as other varieties not quite so promising.

### Uses of Climbing Roses

When the many varied uses of the climbing rose are borne in mind it is all the more remarkable that they apparently have not found favor to a larger extent. A good illustration of their economic value can be seen in the their economic value can be seen in the suburbs of Philadelphia, where in places the railroad banks are clothed with rambling roses. Not only are they do the railroad banks are clothed with the phold up the bank with their fibrous roots, preventing washouts and generally keeping the banks in good condition with just the initial cost.

There are several varieties especially adapted for this purpose, first among datapet for this purpose, first among

which I would place Elisa Robichon. This variety has been used with extraordinary effect at the home of Dr. Robert Huey in Philadelphia, where a whole bank is densely clothed with its lustrous foliage. Again, large boulders, heaps of stones, old tree stumps and such objects offer an ideal setting for the display of the climbing rose. These features when clothed with garlands of flowers are transformed to beauty spots of the gar den. For such purposes, the wichurai-ana hybrids have been found unusually

various Oriental adaptations.

Rose arbors, pergolas and arches are common enough not to need comment, but divisional fences which generally are obnoxious would, if used as a support for roses, become a mutual tie between neighbors, as well as effecting their pri-mary object.

The trellis also has been wisely used for training the rose over the porch, but how seldom is a wall of roses as are so wondrously beautiful in En-gland. True, it may not be possible for us with our almost tropical summers to gain such perfection, but a surprisingly creditable result can be obtained with care and forethought. A high wall facing care and forethought. A high wall facing south should be chosen and extra care taken in the preparation of the soil. On such a wall even the less hardy kinds such as Aviateur Bleriot can be made to flourish. The shoots may be affixed to the wall, either with cloth strips the ends of which are nailed, or tied to a trellis work erected close to the wall for that purpose.

Another method of growing the multiflora hybrids has been recently drawn to my attention-that of training, or rather allowing them to grow as large shrubs. This is done by simply afford-ing them a strong stake, preferably iron, for support. It must be noted that it is the multiflora class that are used for this purpose, as they have sturdy, vigorous shoots and develop into more bushy specimens than the more graceful wichu-

A practice that is followed with great success in the balmy climate of England is training wichuraiana varieties into various shapes—topiary work. Various shapes of ships, animals, birds, etc., are modelled in wire and the long shoots tied on to these. When in full bloom a tied on to these. When in tull bloom a very unusual display which strikes you rather by its oddity than its beauty is the result. This, however, I am afraid would entail too much labor in order to keep them through our winters, although in the south it could undoubtedly be performed.

Such varieties as Zephirin Drouhin, (Continued on page 76)

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can be kept within bounds, producing a

flowering, leaving the strong young

canes that are produced each year from the root. These shoots then develop rapidly during the remainder of the summer and flower profusely the followsummer and flower profusely the follow-ing year. Therefore only one-year old wood should be allowed to remain, pruning out the remainder immediately after it has borne flowers. This method

after it has borne flowers. This method should be followed for show climbers, but if an arbor or pillar is to be covered

permanently, only the wood three years old or more need be cut back to a strong

of good planting is deep digging. Each plant should have a hole prepared for it at least 3' square by 2' deep. Good draining is essential. Fill the bottom with a 6" layer of old sods inverted or rough clods of earth. Next comes a layer of well rotted manure of the same

thickness, which in turn must be covered with the best soil you can obtain. Gen-

tly firm this by treading and then plant your rose in fairly heavy, rich clay-loam, and plant firmly. The depth to plant can be ascertained by the earth

mark on the stem. It is generally admark on the stem. It is generally advisable to plant a little deeper than this indicates the plant has been before. Watering—nay, soaking—should be attended to at once and also periodically

throughout the summer, as well as the ordinary watering that is in the curricu-

lum of every gardener. For thorough protection against Jack Frost I have found it best to cut the whole plant away from its support, lay it on the ground and cover entirely with about 6"

This also should be shortened to produce the flowering wood for the following season.

One of the most important requisites
of good planting is deep digging. Each

shoot.

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Lemon Pillar, Blush Rambler, Auguste of soil over which a mulch of leaves. Roussel, etc., are particularly effective when used as pillar roses. By this I mean virtually what the name implies held in place by wire netting or branches, will be all that is necessary.

All of the roses named in the accoma pillar of roses. By training the shoots around a central support such varieties panying list are growing under exactly

similar conditions-an open, sunny situation with no neighboring shelter. can be kept within bounds, producing a more or less formal outline. The best method of pruning the gen-eral run of climbers is to cut away en-tirely the shoots that have just finished natural soil is of a sandy loam texture. enriched by an annual dressing of cow manure; and when the flower buds are forming a weekly application of liquid

cow manure. The average date of the first open bloom was computed from four succes-sive seasons of observation. In the case of new varieties the actual date is indicated.

These dates can be assumed as correct only in the vicinity of New York City, and I find that fifty miles difference in latitude cause, roughly speaking, six or seven days' variation. Thus the approxi-mate time of flowering can be deduced for

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# Kitchenette Claims in the League of Rations

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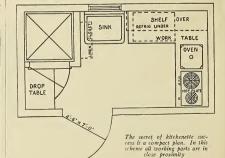
where there is no cooking rate for every gustatorial and epictureal extravagances.

But the new appliances for the electric kitchenette are like toys, they are whole dinner can be cooked on the so fascinatingly contrived. One is crazy

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outside to the best possible advantage, to have ice cream or whipped cream. For the most part these kitchenettes with which to employ the electric are run by gas, but are for that reason kitchen power unli which can perform cheaper in the cities like New York, all these miracles, and one is led into where there is no cooking rate for elecgustatorial and epicurean extravagances





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the photograph, the utensils are hung up to avoid unnecessary spinal calisthenics. The sink is near the stove and is high

enough to save the back from contor-tionate bends. All surfaces in the kit-chenette should be an inch or so higher

than that which the palm of the hand can reach without bending the back.

wood with or without linoleum, either

cork inlay, tile or brick; the ceiling of a light color paint or tile or brick; the walls the same and all joinings rounded to avoid the cracks at the base of wall

joining the floor, or where the wall and ceiling join.

The best kitchenettes are tiled or

One of the best arrangements is to have the kitchenette apparatus follow this succession: (See Plan I) drop table, closet, sink, worktable, refrigerator beneath, shelves above, utensils hung underneath, stove, on either side of the sink drain boards of hardwood tilled

toward sink or copper or composition slightly tilted; and a garbage chute on right side of worktable near the sink,

However excellent or concentrated the

arrangement, there can be no success,

knows how to use it advantageously; so

the engineer in the electric kitchenette

ought to know a few things about the

mysterious current over which she pre-sides; how to use it economically, how

to use it to its full capacity minus disaster and how to have the same mental attitude toward her kitchenette equip-

ment as the workman has to his tools.

In the Edison kitchenette is a little sign

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bricked with generous water vent that a light hose played on them flushes and cleans them in no time.

One of the best arrangements is to

dining table witl, these new ranges,

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low for long cooking.

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I. Detach the plug as well as turn off current at the socket.

\*II. When you are not using any device continuously shut off cur-

rent. III. Grasp the plug at the spring not

by the cord.

IV. Blow-outs are caused by too

many devices all attached to one cluster plug. Reduce the number. The utensils for these electric kitchenettes are without end; some of them are: Tables, ranges-afore mentioned; oven and grill combinations; griddles; toaster; percolaters of all kinds; large and small ranges; ice cream freezers; combination meat grinders, ice cream, whipped cream and dough mixing units; electric ice makers; automatic time ovens, with clock attached so that you can put something in to cook and at a

designated time the current turns itself

designated time the current turns itself off; immersion heaters, coffee mills; samovars; egg boilers; buffer, etc. for sharpening and polishing silver and knives; and countless other things. But the latest of all is the electric kitchen cabinet or "Movie" of small price and great compactness; gas or electrically ranged and arranged, containing in its simple confines, polis, pans, ice box, folding table, flour bins, stove, of home the simple confines, to consider the containing of home to the third to rea might be seen that the simple confines of home. of home. Just the thing for one night stands or bachelor's retreats!

And jot this down—that if you have a good refrigerator, electric or plain, you can have all the onions inside of it that you want without affecting other foods, and if you have an electric ozonator you can cook onions in the smallest kitchen-ettes without damage!—so they say!

# Real Half-Timber Work

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single dead color, killing entirely all the pins left projecting to demonstrate that single dead color, killing entirely all the natural grain and texture of the wood itself. This method is defended as be-ing practical, but there is only one step further forward in the effort to be practical which would be to paint the boards on the stucco itself and then we avoid all joints or tendency to rot or warp!
As camouflage it is the best of examples, but as architecture it is abomination it-If for practical reasons of cost or possible durability the true method cannot be used, we had better choose another style that does not pretend to

be what it is not. But if we want to build a true and honest timbered house, then, the con-struction must be apparent, the corners must show that they are of one solid piece and not two thin pieces nailed together. We must be able to see enough of the construction to recognize its in-separable importance to the building construction and to know that truth and strength stand back of what we see. We must see that the brackets that extend from the walls are supported by heavy diagonals tennoned in to give solid support on which to rest the sill and that the horizontals are heavy and continuous with full strength to hold the weight of the verticals. The braces must

the mortice and tennon have been used in putting the work together. The tim-bers must be left with the axe marks on them and if checks come, so much the better.

The principles of true half-timber construction may be summed up as fol-

No. 1. The timbers must be solid and of sufficient strength to carry the loads. No. 2. They must "build"; in other words, it must be apparent how each piece functions and how it fits into and

forms an integral part of the building. No. 3. The means by which it per-forms this function should be apparent by showing the heads of the pins and by giving due allowance for the projections of various members where projections will add to the strength of the building.

Half-timbering lends itself to much elaborative detail. Members may be molded as carved and a certain amount of ornament enlivens the design. Too much, however, palls and tends to destroy simplicity and dignity of design.

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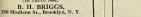
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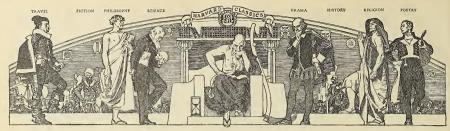
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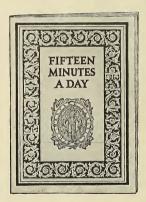
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Here Isko is shown mounted on the ice box, a popular installation. Through the open door of the refrigerator is shown the Isko ice-making chamber where your favorite spring water may be frozen into convenient sized cube for general household use.

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Cold that is dry—cold that is pure—cold that is automatic, constant; cold by day—cold by night—cold without ice: that is Isko cold.

Isko is the electric cold-maker. It perches on your ice box, sits beside it on the floor or in the next room. It may even be installed in your basement. That is up to you.

Wherever you place it, Isko does its work, silently, tirelessly, automatically—succeeding the iceman and his tongs, making you independent of melting, germ-laden ice; replacing damp, unhealthful refrigeration with dry, wholesome, scientific cold—Isko cold.

Isko is as independent as a good electric clock. You need never touch it once you set it working.

Two moving parts that run in a bath of oil; Isko is simply constructed.

Isko uses no ammonia. It is absolutely free from danger. Both lubricant and refrigerant are permanently sealed in the machine. You need not bother about them.

Adjust the thermostat at the desired temperature, switch on the electrict current and Isko goes to work. You might take a trip to Europe; Isko would go on making cold, silently, tirelessly, automatically unless you turned off the current.

Isko saves food—keeps it pure and fresh. Vegetables stay crisp in Isko cold. Milk and cream will keep sweet and wholesome for days in its dry, dry chill.

Isko gives you cubes of pure, clean ice for your table.

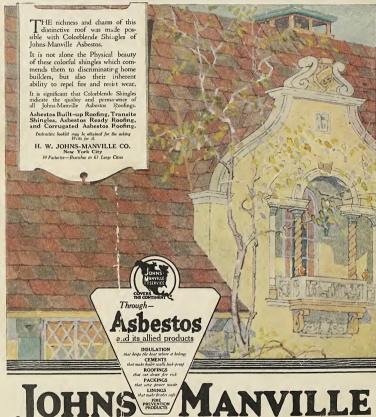
And all this convenience, all this safeguarding of your family's health, all this independence of the ice wagon, costs less than ice. Isko is also made in large sizes for clubs, restaurants, meat markets and other commercial houses.

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